

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

October 17, 2008

Attendance: Noted at 13

Meeting Minutes: From September 19, 2008 were acknowledged

Lennis Pederson asked the group to consider having a contest for judging Christmas decorations constructed with sustainable commodities. The council concurred with the idea. Members of the council will be asked to develop the idea and set up rules for the contest. Some possible considerations for the contest are:

- Maybe out doors
- Maybe not include Cardiac Care or CUMC because of fire codes in hospitals.
- Try to get residence hall leadership involved.
- Maybe just do an ornament.
- Use of potted trees.

Frank Reida hosted a web presentation by Senator John Kerry. Senator Kerry's remarks were presented at a February, 2008, International District Energy Association convention. The talk was a challenge to universities and colleges to lead a conversion of operations to more green practices. If you wish to view the presentation, please contact Frank for the web address. (<http://www.districtenergy.org/>)

Joe Zaborowski spoke to the Council about sustainable business practices. He used a power point presentation. Mary Duda was asked to add the presentation to the sustainability web site. Some of the key points were -

- 1) Paper and print management
- 2) Partners for the Environment - doing business with firms committed to going green
- 3) Use of internal electronic processes
- 4) Office supply management
- 5) Use E-Commerce when possible
- 6) More ways to personally make an impact

Joe updated the Council about a program to recycle used books. It is the preference to have the books. There are charities to help distribute books. Some of the charities can help with book collection. The Follett contract for the book collection will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Teresa Bohnet told the group that single stream recycling at Creighton was underway. some of the keys in getting started include -

- The staff has been hired
- The truck has been purchased
- The bins have been ordered and some have been delivered
- The program is very robust in residence halls

Teresa will be attending departmental staff meetings to train people in offices about the program.

Ken Reed Bouley and Mary Duda explained a program they are developing regarding Habitat Restore Program. The early thoughts are to set up a day in the spring (probably April 17) when the campus populace can bring items to campus for the Habitat Restore program. Many households have salvage material from remodeling or upgrades that could be shared with Habitat Restore rather than go to the landfill. More to come on this item as spring approaches.

The meeting ended at 3:15.