

**Eastern CT State University**  
**Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 6/23/15**

People present:

- Renee Keech, Interim Director of Facilities
- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Laura Miller, Energy Technical Specialist
- Trevor Warbin, ISE Intern
- Dan Wunderlin, ISE Intern
- Ashley Houle, ISE Intern
- Jenna LaFleur, ISE Credit Intern
- Kevin McCormick, ISE Intern
- Cindy Hodis, Associate Director Acquisitions
- Jason Coombs, Director Food Services
- Steve Nathan, EES Professor
- Josh Sumrell, Housing Director

**SolarizeU Updates**

- The SolarizeU campaign will run until August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The last SolarizeU luncheon was held on Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> in student center 217, and had 12 attendees. Laura will be following up with Kate Donnelly on Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> and during a conference call on Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Waste Management and Recycling**

**Waste Audits**

- Trevor and Dan at ISE have continued to complete waste audits twice a week.
- Renee mentioned that some of the dumpsters will be being taken offline, e.g. cardboard only bins by the library, science building, and Webb.
- There is also a plan to get rid of the Hurley recycling separator container, to emphasize a coordinated message of ‘mixed recycling’.
- Trevor, Dan, Shellena and Tom Mindek are checking into the number of ‘toters’ that are specifically for recycling on campus.
- Shafer will be coming off line in January which will mean more dumpsters will be cancelled.
- Renee also plans to get rid of a dumpster at Winthrop Hall.

**Recycling Labels**

- Ashley shared her recycling sticker which is designed to be used in dormitories (please see attachments to email).
- Idea for stickers to be placed on back of doors in dorms, so that dorm suite doors would contain all relevant recycling information. Ashley will meet with Shellena to go and measure the area for our sticker to go.
- Jason has been collecting white receptacles to give out on move in day for students that don’t have recycling bins.
- Eric recommended taking off the aerosols from the recycling sticker, as they should be punctured before being recycled.

- Laura will send along the sticker (see attached to email for the sticker to be used in staff and faculty offices).

### **Recycling Video**

- ISE Interns are creating a script to prepare for filming of a short recycling video that can be used to engage students in dorms and on campus in general.
- Media services will be involved during the filming.

### **Trayless Dining**

- Jason reported that the dining hall is now operating as trayless for the Boy's state events, and the SOAR programming.
- There is already less food waste and the lines are reported to be moving more quickly.
- The group discussed donating the old trays to be utilized in a playground or something similar.
- ISE will have a student look into the possibility of having the trays donated.

### **Move out waste**

- Josh gave an overview of the events.
- Laura will share the data collected with Renee.

### Eastern Fleet Inventory

- Kevin has been collecting data from facilities about Eastern's fleet vehicles. He has matched these records to data collected to the campus fuel pump.
- Having followed up with Jeff Smith, Kevin has been able to fill in the gaps for data, and now has a good idea of the fleet and carbon footprint for fleet and facilities vehicles for our campus.
- Kevin will share these files with Renee.
- The group discussed the options of buying more EV for the fleet, and the possibility of getting Priuses through surplus purchasing.
- The group also discussed the availability of a natural gas fueling station, and wanted to know where the nearest station was to Eastern.

### DOE Workplace Charging Challenge

- Kevin was looking into the potential of Eastern taking part in this program.
- Program established in 2011 by Obama to encourage more workplaces to promote EV charging for their employees.
- Steps to join this challenge include the sign on by the President, completing a transportation survey to assess demand.

### Campus Signage

- Jenna has been investigating innovative ways of utilizing indoor and outdoor signage to have students, faculty and staff pay more attention to Eastern's green features.
- Renee mentioned this would be good to join with ongoing efforts for campus signage.
- ISE will share signage with Renee.

### Upcoming events:

- **Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability: Exploring Solar RFPs.** Wesleyan University, 9am – Noon. Event registration click [HERE](#)

Next meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 9:30am, Student Center 221.