

## Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 6/24/14

People present:

- Tyler Stebbins, ISE intern
- Stephanie Rogers, ISE Intern
- Lynn Stoddard, Director ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- LaMar Coleman, Director Residential Life
- Cindy Hodis, Purchasing
- Renee Keech, Architect
- Steve Nathan, EES
- Trevor Warbin, ISE Intern
- Laura Worthington, Energy Technical Specialist, ISE
- Kyle Ellsworth, ISE Intern

Agenda:

1. Garden update
2. EV Charging station opportunity
3. Green Campus Committee
4. Residential Life
5. ECSU Sustainability Planning
6. Other

1. Garden update – Kyle Ellsworth

- Showed the group CAD for the garden including the addition of an archway. Had questions for the group including if facilities staff are able to work on this type of project. Laura is going to email Mary and Bryan to find out who put the white fence up, and where it came from. Renee is also going to speak to Jim Howarth.

- Renee had helped Kyle to get rain barrels for the garden. The barrels need to be attached to the outer corner of the downspout at the ISE house, and there would also need to be a pump to move the water to the garden. There were some ideas for a solar pump. Kyle will get some estimates for the cost of solar pumps and other types of pumps and any other equipment needed to use the rain barrels to water the garden.

- Overall, there would be a need for funds of about \$400.00, to build the archway, and then if we wanted additional raised beds to increase the crop yield that would add on more. Grow Windham has offered any labor necessary for making changes to the garden. (See attached archway image for more information).

2. EV vehicle charging station opportunity – Kyle Ellsworth

- Kyle researched the current state Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station installations and incentives were explored and shown to the group. Kyle's main findings for Eastern are that we have a good potential for a few EV charging stations on campus and that we should be prepared to take advantage of the next round of EV grants from DEEP. The locations included within the Shakespeare parking garage and close to the new fine arts building. (See attached document for more information).

- Renee stated there is a possibility of one being included into a future Shafer project. Renee is also going to see if the current charging station that has an outdated plug is a 240V, and if the parking spot can be more clearly designated if it becomes a charging location.

- Discussed possibility of conducting a transportation survey on campus as a way of finding out how many students/faculty/staff have an EV, and some of the other necessary information for updating the GHG inventory such as Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) each day to campus.

- Kyle is going to continue to research limiting factors to EV charging stations, and keep an eye out for updates to state incentive programs. Lynn also is contacting Watson Collins, the EV contact for NU, to see about the possibility of him coming to the campus to see where EV charging stations would be most beneficial and answer questions about installation, connections, etc.

### 3. Green Campus Committee website – Tyler Stebbins

- Tyler has been working to update the Green Campus Committee Page (linked here <http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/greencampus/>). In addition, Tyler created a green campus map for Eastern that will be a link from the Green Campus Committee webpage. [LAURA – PLS ADD LINK TO MAP HERE]

- The page is looking great and is running currently with Contribute as the editing tool, but will be migrating to WordPress soon.

- The group suggested that this page should be linked from the Universities main page. Dr. Nathan also said it would be good to link the energy dashboard to the page with the green buildings on it. Here is a link to the dashboard also <http://ecs-facilities.easternct.edu/ECSUEnergyDash/#>

### 4. Residential Life – Environmentally Themed Housing – Lamar Coleman

- Towards the end of Spring semester 2014, students were invited to submit applications with ideas and programming for themed housing. One of the successful themes was “Green Housing” which was submitted by Laura Markley the Environmental Club President. There are currently 14 students signed up for green housing in the fall. Students sign an agreement that requires them to complete community service, and attend events related to sustainability.

- LaMar will suggest that the Hall Director and one of the students living in the Green Theme housing attend future Green Campus Committee meetings to provide more information and help with coordination, and so the committee can help with any future program offerings, outreach, etc.

- The themes for housing available can be found here <http://www1.easternct.edu/housing/theme-housing/>

## 5. ECSU sustainability planning

- Overview existing Eastern climate action plan and GHG inventory – Stephanie Rogers

- Stephanie shared the current status of Eastern and its GHG inventory. This needs to be updated and will require using the dashboard for electricity information, access to natural gas bills for the past 2 years, and if possible water metering information.

- Review existing AASHE STARS report – Stephanie Rogers

- Stephanie also shared the AASHE STARS information, and if Eastern would like to increase its ranking to gold, there are some areas in particular that may bring up our rating such as education (academics) and human resources.

- The committee suggested inviting someone from human resources to attend Green Campus Committee meetings.

- Dr. Nathan also suggested talking about AASHE STARS and campus sustainability at the university meeting in the fall.

- The committee also spoke about needing all of the plans to align into to one, so perhaps on the new Green Campus Committee web page, we could write our action towards each item of the initial AASHE STARS report.

- Please see the following link to the original climate action plan which sets carbon goals for Eastern until 2050 [http://rs.acupcc.org/site\\_media/uploads/cap/378-cap.pdf](http://rs.acupcc.org/site_media/uploads/cap/378-cap.pdf)

## 6. Other

- There were no other topic areas discussed. The next meeting will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11am in Student Center 223.

Thanks and please let Laura Worthington know of any edits/updates to these meeting minutes at [worthingtonl@easternct.edu](mailto:worthingtonl@easternct.edu)

**Before the next meeting time permitting committee members can;**

\* Review Eastern's Climate Action Plan [http://rs.acupcc.org/site\\_media/uploads/cap/378-cap.pdf](http://rs.acupcc.org/site_media/uploads/cap/378-cap.pdf)

\* Review updates to the Green Campus Committee page <http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/greencampus/>

Meeting ended at 12:15pm. Meeting Minutes submitted respectfully by Laura Worthington