

Eastern CT State University
Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 5/26/15

People present:

- Renee Keech, Interim Director of Facilities
- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Paul Torcellini, EES Endowed Chair
- Laura Miller, Energy Technical Specialist
- Tyler Stebbins, ISE Intern
- Trevor Warbin, ISE Intern
- Dan Wunderlin, ISE Intern
- Ashley Houle, ISE Intern
- Jenna LaFleur, ISE Credit Intern
- Kevin McCormick, ISE Intern

Solarize U Updates

- The SolarizeU campaign will run until August 31st.
- So far Eastern has had one contract signed, and 50 people who signed on to the energy sage website.
- The last SolarizeU luncheon will be held on Tuesday June 16th in student center 217, from 11:30am – 1pm. Attendees will have the chance to speak with solar installers.
- There will be a separate workshop for the CT Alliance for Campus Sustainability that will discuss large-scale solar installations for campuses. This event is geared towards campus energy managers to learn more about power purchase agreements and discuss collaboration on solar energy purchases.

Waste Management and Recycling

Waste Audits

- Trevor and Dan at ISE have been conducting on-campus waste audits. Four audits were conducted, the first on April 22nd, then May 6th, 7th, and 8th.
- Trevor shared the data collected from the audits including details of how full/empty the trash and recycling containers around campus are, as well as their level of contamination.
- One of the key findings has been that the dumpsters need to be labelled more clearly.
- Dan will continue waste audits throughout the summer to collect more data.

Recycling Labels

- Lynn shared an idea for ISE interns to come up with a label for the inside office recycling bins that can be used throughout campus. Once we have selected a label, we will get in touch with Lisa Curtiss in Media Services about having these printed into stickers.

Student Orientation

- ISE would also like to get involved with the SOAR student orientation program and perform a skit about how to recycle effectively. SOAR begins on June 17th so we will try to get involved with their programming.

Mattress Recycling

- Burr Hall recycled almost all of its mattresses through the mattress recycling council program. Other bedroom furniture was collected by WAIM.

Move Out Waste

- From May 1st – 13th four drop off rooms were set up to accommodate students' items that could be donated. Laura, Dan, Jenna and Steph from ISE volunteered hours along with about 10 other students to monitor the rooms, and record items being dropped off.
- Key findings include that of the four dorms, Laurel, Noble, Mead, Nutmeg, most of the items dropped off were clothing. Perhaps running a clothing drive during the year would be helpful for students. Signage during move out was lacking and a little confusing. In some locations there were garden signs that read 'trash/recycling'. For the next move out period, we can request media services to make signs ahead of time that will more clearly detail where items should go.
- See attached PowerPoint for project details.
- Laura will be following up with Josh on this program.

Trayless dining

- During Earth Day student Lauren Polansky collected over 200 signatures of those in support of trayless dining. She has since reached out to the President and Jason Coombs. We will report back on this topic at a later date.

Eastern Fleet Opportunities

- Kevin McCormick, ISE intern, will be conducting an inventory of Eastern's fleet vehicles. The inventory will assist Eastern in determining greenhouse gas emissions from our fleet and applying for grants that may assist with campus purchasing of electric or alternative fuel vehicles.
- Discussed mileage for fleet vehicles and who might have this information. Renee will pass along any relevant information or contacts.
- Completing a fleet inventory will also assist the campus in its greenhouse gas planning and AASHE STARS reporting.

Sustainability Conference

- ISE intern Dan is currently reviewing the post conference survey for feedback information which will be shared at the next meeting.
- The conference included attendance of 132 people, of whom 28 were exhibitors, 11 were teaching faculty, 39 were students, and 54 were staff.
- To see videos of the presentations on ISE's You Tube Channel click [HERE](#)

Upcoming events:

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

Next meeting June 23rd 2015 at 9:30am, Student Center 221.