

Meeting Minutes

Eastern Connecticut State University: Green Campus Committee Meeting

**Wednesday January 27th, 2016
9:00am Student Center 221**

1. Welcome and introductions: Jeffrey Kwolek from Yale Dining Services is introduced as Eastern's new Senior Director of Dining Services. He is working on a way for Eastern to compost food waste from Hurley Hall. So far he is in talks with a pig farmer who would be willing to take these compostables.
Next Steps: Jeffrey to assist in creation of a best practices case study about Yale's dining services for the CT Alliance for Campus Sustainability.
2. AASHE STARS Updates: Laura Miller presents a basic breakdown of the points earned on Eastern's recent STARS Silver Rated submission. She addresses the distribution of points between the six main categories: Academics, Research, Engagement, Operations, Planning and Administration, and Innovation.
- Laura presents a [Climate Leadership Award Winning Video](#) highlighting the sustainability features California State University as a comparison point for a discussion about Eastern's sustainability. Video inspires improvement and the construction of greater awareness about Eastern sustainability (possibly through on-campus signage).
Next Steps: a) Laura will meet with individuals from the different STARS categories to review our current status and discuss potential areas for improvement.
b) Planning needed to hold such meetings on a yearly basis minimum (if not quarterly) on an in-house level to make the most use of STARS as a self-improvement tool for Eastern.
3. Green Purchasing Policies: Postponed until February's meeting when Paul Torcellini can attend.
4. Recycling Outreach: The ISE presents its new office recycling video. The plastic casing for the recycling stickers are in and ready to be installed as signs on dorm room doors.
Next Steps: a) Laura to send notes and video link to Renee so the video can be sent out to Eastern faculty and staff.
b) Jenna Lafleur to reach out to Michelle Delaney of Student Activities about possibly showing recycling videos as a 'trailer' before some of the movies shown in the Student Center Theater.
c) Discussion with Willi Waste re: needed to determine campus use of plastic bags in recycling bins re: recyclables processing vs. spoiling.
5. Eastern's Community Garden: Postponed to next meeting.
6. Other: Student guest Noah reports back on best practices he learned of at a student leadership sustainability symposium at Connecticut College. Ideas included: permanent swap shelves in residence halls, composting in residence halls, up-cycling of Halloween costumes through a

collection and sale, reusable dining hall to-go boxes, and the promotion of reusable menstrual cups in health services.

Items for Next Meeting:

- a. Discussion on the Green Campus Committee's 2016 action priorities
- b. Waste Recycling Updates
- e. Sustainability Event in April as coordinated by the ISE

Next meeting: Tuesday February 23rd, 9:00am Student Center 221. (Please note change in schedule for spring 2016).