

Minutes

Eastern Connecticut State University: Green Campus Committee Meeting

Monday, November 21st at 9:00am Student Center 217.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Dining Updates – Jeff: Wednesday 11/23 is Eastern's 10th annual Day of Giving, held from 12-2pm in Hurley Hall. Eastern volunteers will serve Thanksgiving meals to lower-income families.

- a. Composting food waste from Hurley Hall through Quantum Biopower seems to have passed the approval process. Next steps will include determining when we can begin using Quantum's service, developing a food waste collection system, and distributing messaging to educate the campus community about the new composting initiative.
- Part of this will focus on how to handle To-Go boxes. To-Go boxes are currently Styrofoam; the SGA has made a complaint about this, suggesting the boxes should be compostable. One idea posed was to install a collection bin at the Student Center (if not several bins around campus) for students to dispose of To-Go boxes and To-Go food waste; thus it could be ensured that both waste products would actually go to a composting facility.

Though we don't now have all the answers for Eastern composting, we look forward to working them out in the months to come.

3. Waste and Recycling Updates: ISE interns are continuing to do monthly waste audits.

Next Steps: Intern Zachary Stygar will send a report on these audits to Renee Keech. ISE will also request the data from the waste weighing performed by Willi-Waste.

4. Fume Hood Campaign Idea – Laura: The ISE has recently begun looking into the question of the efficiency of fume hoods on campus. Eric Germaine shared the status of fume hood use. The Science Building has the most, at around 40 fume hoods. Each fume hood has a sensor that reduces its performance level when the hood is shut. A few years ago, President Núñez began the 'Shut the Sash' campaign, inspired by a university in Massachusetts. Messaging was posted encouraging people to close fume hoods when they weren't in use. The campaign was successful, cutting down energy use by about 40%, saving Eastern close to \$45,000 a year. Eric reports that at this time, about 90% of professors comply with and encourage their students to 'Shut the Sash'.

5. Other: The ISE has a paid internship position open for the Spring of 2017. The opening is posted on Eastern's student employment website, and 9 applications have been received so far. Committee members are welcome to recommend the position to their students. The call for applications closes on Friday, December 2.

For more information contact Laura Miller at MillerLau@easternct.edu

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 28th 9:00am Student Center 217

Attendees

Lourdes Ardel – *Human Resources*

Leticia Denoya – *Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE)*

Eric Germaine – *Environmental Health and Safety*

Jeff Kwolek – *Dining Services*

Jenna Lafleur - *ISE*

Laura Miller - *ISE*

Stephen Nathan – *Environmental Earth Science*

Zachary Stygar – *ISE*