

Minutes

Eastern Connecticut State University: Green Campus Committee Meeting

**Tuesday March 22nd, 2016
9:00am Student Center 221**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Discussion on 2016 Action Priorities:
 - Organics, composting of food waste
 - Jeff Kwolek in talks with a pig farmer who could collect food waste from Hurley a few times a week.
 - Purchasing
 - Paul Torcellini's students have been looking into purchasing policies as used on CT campuses.
 - Transportation survey: Collect data about faculty and staff commuters; promote awareness of CT Rides and similar resources.
 - Signage around campus
 - Recycling\Waste management: Quantify waste data; set recycling goals; review successes and continue to look for improvements in outreach, bin capacity, and monetary savings.
 - Sustainability in academics: Increase climate literacy. Build a library of possible student projects (ex., inventory of invasive plant species on campus) such as data studies or inventories—such numbers, even if used only in a hypothetical context, could give students experience with real world data. Could be applied across multiple disciplines to boost our ASHEE STARS academic rating.
 - Interest in putting up sustainability signage around campus.
 - Climate plan: Flesh out strategy and attainable milestones.
3. Waste/Recycling Update – Shellena Pitterson reports that recycling signage in residence halls in beginning to be put up. It was again noted that recycling dumpsters don't seem to have side doors, which can be an issue for custodial staff. Another concern was that cubicles don't seem to be equipped with recycling bins, which could encourage people to just throw recyclables in the trash as the closest available option.
 - Recycling Stickers – The stickers have all been put up. The question came up over whether meeting rooms have recycling bins – addressed in Next Steps.
 - Getting data on waste weights and setting goals
 - Connecting with custodial staff
 - Move out 2016 – Josh Sumrell to head the move out process. Due to amount of waste accumulation, it has been suggested to ask Willimantic Waste to provide more frequent service during this period.

Next Steps: -Shellena to send ISE a list of all meeting & conference rooms on campus. ISE intern Trevor to use list to confirm which of these rooms does/does not have recycling bins.

-Lynn Stoddard to check in with Renee Keech about connecting with custodial staff, waste weighing, and move out servicing.

4. Transportation Survey – Doing well with over 100 respondents so far. Results should be ready by next meeting.
5. Upcoming Sustainability Events
 - **Sustainable Business Panel: Wednesday March 30th 12:00pm – 1:00pm, Eastern’s Student Center Theatre [Event webpage](#)**
 - **Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability Conference: Thursday April 7th 8:30am – 3:30pm, UConn Law School Library [Event webpage](#)**
 - **Celebrate Sustainability: Tuesday April 12th 12:00pm – 1:30pm, Eastern’s Student Center Lobby [Event webpage](#)**
6. Other – T-shirts with the Eastern Sustainability logo have arrived in the bookstore and are available for \$19. Proposal to take updated group photo of GCC members wearing these shirts.
– Report from Jenna Lafleur that the Eastern Community Garden Committee is to meet on 3/23/16 to plan this year’s crops and layout. Shellena acquired a banner for the garden from Media Services.

Next meeting: Tuesday April 26th at 9:00am Student Center 221.

Attendees

Lynn Stoddard

Mimi Cedrone

Jenna Lafleur

Shellena Pitterson

Dan Wunderlin

Kathy Martel

Cindy Hodis