

Eastern Connecticut State University:
Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 28th at 9:00am Student Center 217.

1. Welcome and introductions: The bookstore is now selling reusable water bottles that feature Eastern's sustainability logo. The Environmental Club intends to have a club representative attend future Green Campus Committee meetings.
2. Dining Updates:
 - President's picnic feedback – Jeff Kwolek reports that he was unable to obtain green certification for the picnic, and also could not access a composter for the event. Despite this, the new, spread out layout, combined with more portable menu items made the night a success.
3. Waste and Recycling Updates: -ISE did a waste audit once a day for an entire week for the month of September, and will use this model for future months. Renee Keech is working with Willi-Waste to schedule a day to weigh Eastern's waste.
 - Willi-Waste is ready to start delivering the new recycling dumpsters; they've already delivered one, and students seem excited about it. Renee will send out emails addressing the new dumpsters and campus recycling as a whole. Renee will also talk to Nick Messina and Ed Osborn about posting recycling messaging on the display monitors (ex., in the Student Center) and in the News Flash, respectively.
 - The recycling stickers reportedly are not sticking well to newer bins. ISE will check on and update the placement of stickers around campus.
 - Custodians face a problem when emptying recycling from small office bins and needing to somehow transport it to the outside dumpsters. Renee is working with custodians to find a method (ex., tote bins, carts) of best fit.
 - A semi-related concern is the use of liner-bags in indoor bins. Paul Torcellini says he has students willing to do interior audits to evaluate whether the bins are clean enough to warrant liners or not. Paul and Renee to discuss his students possibly shadow the evening custodial shift once a month to perform these audits.
4. Connecticut's 2nd Annual Campus Sustainability Week:

➤ **Campus Sustainability Week**

- Saturday, October 1st at 1:00pm Mansfield Athletic Complex: Sustainability Awareness Rugby Match
- Monday, October 3rd – Friday, October 7th Warrior Cup Energy Challenge
- Monday, October 3rd at 12:00pm Student Center 219: CT Rides Transportation Nodes Workshop
- Tuesday, October 4th 11:00am and 12:30pm Student Center Theatre: Movie Screenings
- Tuesday, October 4th 2:00pm – 6:00pm 372 High Street Lawn: Book Swap
- Wednesday, October 5th 8:00am and 9:00am Goddard 223: Reclaimed Water Facility Class Discussion
- Thursday, October 6th 1:00pm: CT Airline Trail Guided Walk

- Friday, October 7th 9:00am – Noon 372 High Street Community Garden: Garden Clean Up with 3 available housing priority points.
Friday October 7th 11:00am – 12:00pm Arboretum Clean up event
Friday, October 7th 2:00pm: Guest speaker from Yale on Sustainable Development Goals
5. Other: -Campus police are on board to support a green parking permit, so long as the ISE takes the onus for reviewing applicant eligibility.
-Eastern is going to be doing lighting retrofits for the parking garages and the Mansfield Outdoor Athletic Complex. ISE could possibly create a case study to compare energy use from before to after the retrofits are installed.

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

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 26th 9:00am, Student Center Room 217

Attendees

Lourdes Ardel – *Human Resources*

Graham Benedict – *Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE)*

Leticia Denoya – *ISE*

Cindy Hodis – *Purchasing*

Renee Keech – *Facilities Management & Planning*

Jeff Kwolek – *Food Services*

Jenna Lafleur – *ISE*

Kathy Martel – *Fiscal Affairs*

Laura Miller – *ISE*

Stephen Nathan – *Environmental Earth Science*

Paul Torcellini – *Environmental Earth Science*