

Eastern CT State University
Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 11/20/15

People present:

- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Laura Miller, ISE staff
- Mimi Cedrone, ISE staff
- Jason Coombs, Dining Services
- Kathy Martel, Office of the Bursar
- Dan Wunderlin, ISE intern
- Jenna LaFleur, ISE Credit intern
- Kevin McCormick, ISE intern
- Cindy Hodis, Associate Director Acquisitions
- Steve Nathan, EES professor
- Paul Torcellini, Endowed Chair, Sustainable Energy Studies
- Lourdes Ardel, Director of Human Resources
- Trevor Warbin, ISE intern
- John Gallon, Student working on sustainability project

1. Membership Updates

- Connecticut Green Building Council (CTGBC) – ISE currently holds a membership with the CTGBC (Eastern does not). This organization offers tours of LEED buildings and energy efficient homes, and educational opportunities such as GPRO Green Building Training. There is also a CTGBC Emerging Professionals committee for students and young professionals who wish to get involved and network with peers. A benefit of student and/or Emerging Professionals membership is free or discounted admissions fees to CTGBC events. The next upcoming event is the CTGBC Holiday Party on December 8th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Two Roads Brewing Company in Stratford. For more information please see the link: <http://ctgbc.org/event-2079190>
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) – Eastern currently holds an AASHE membership. This organization offers members access to webinars, campus case studies and the journal ‘Sustainability Journal of Record.’ *The Journal of Record* and the subscription can be accessed by anyone on campus (the link is through our IP address). To access, go to <http://online.liebertpub.com/loi/SUS>. AASHE also includes access to the STARS Sustainability Tracking and Reporting System, which we are currently reporting for 2015.
- Second Nature’s American College and University President’s Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) was signed by Eastern in September 2007 and led to the submission of Eastern’s Climate Action Plan for which our Green House Gas inventory is calculated. Second Nature also offers campus case studies, professional development opportunities

and other helpful resources:

<http://reporting.secondnature.org/search/?abs=&q=Eastern%20Connecticut%20State%20University>

- US Green Building Council (USGBC) — Eastern previously held membership with the USGBC, but it has expired. Lynn will look into getting it renewed and having it paid for by the University.
2. AASHE STARS updates – Eastern is planning to submit the 2015 report before the end of the year to show progress since submitting and earning STARS Silver in 2012. We are currently reviewing entered data and hope to share back information to those 20-30 participants involved.
 3. Drive through of ‘Sustainability at Eastern’ website – Eastern has changed the url of the page from the old /greencampus to /sustainability in order to make it easier to navigate to. See the link here and check your own web pages for links that might be broken since they point to the old url: www.easternct.edu/sustainability
 - Other items to be added to the website will include Eastern’s most recent pledge for the [#ActOnClimate](#) campaign from the White House, and a student engagement piece. The ‘Buildings and Grounds’ section is an ongoing effort and will be continuously added to. If you have any other suggestions for the website, please let ISE staff know.
 - CT Rides event – Kevin and Laura attended a [CT Rides](#) Business Forum in Hartford on November 12th that detailed the many different options that Eastern might consider taking advantage of, including carpooling through [NuRide](#), vanpooling, and Enterprise’s Zip Car program for students who don’t have their cars on campus. See attached PowerPoint for more information.
 4. Green Purchasing Policies – Paul’s student is looking further into this and other campuses have sent along their green purchasing policies for review.
 5. Recycling Outreach – Eastern’s recycling label will be edited to incorporate the new logo. The recycling video will also have the ending re-recorded to include the new url that guides people to the Sustainability at Eastern page. Please see the attached new sticker. The new recycling sticker will also be affixed more permanently behind Lexan plastic on the backs of the main doors in student dorm suites. This installation will begin during winter session 2015.
 - John Gallon, a student working on a project for one of his classes, shared some ideas he had about a “swap day” event on campus where students would be able to bring all unwanted items such as clothes, appliances, school supplies, etc. to a location and swap with other students. This would help reduce the amount of move-out waste at the end of the semester, and all unwanted items at the end of the day would be donated to a local charity. The Green Campus Committee gave him some ideas about holding the event

around Earth Day and possible locations that items could be stored on campus, such as Paul's extra rooms in the Science Building.

6. Eastern's Community Garden – There will be a meeting on December 9th at 10:00am to discuss the future and organization of Eastern's Community Garden. Those interested in future community garden endeavors should attend. Meeting location to be determined.
7. Power Dialog – From November 30th – December 11th, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change will be held in Paris, France. As a way of engaging students with these policy-level talks, the Power Dialog was formed. Power Dialog is a network of campuses that has been set up to help campus leaders organize events on April 4th in 2016. The event is designed to connect campuses with state EPA leaders who will be leading the way in Connecticut. Laura will be listening to upcoming webinars and phone calls and will share back ideas.

Next meeting: Wednesday December 23rd, 9:00am, Student Center 221.