

Eastern CT State University

Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 11/25/14

People present:

- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Laura Miller, Energy Technical Specialist, ISE
- Kyle Ellsworth, ISE intern
- Paul Torcellini, Endowed Chair, Center for Sustainable Energy Studies
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Steve Nathan, Professor, Environmental Earth Science
- Lourdes Ardel, Human Resources
- Joshua Sumrell, Housing and Residential Life
- Eric Germain, Environmental Health and Safety
- Mike Morrell, Give n Go Program UCONN
- Miguel Colon, Give n Go Program UCONN
- Stephanie Rogers, ISE Intern
- John Cyr, Chartwells ECSU

1. Move out waste

- Miguel Colon and Mike Morrell work with UCONN for their move out waste in a program known as Give N Go.
- This program collects donatable items for non-profits, and relies on volunteers from multiple campus offices.
- Utilize an indoor space to store all items before they are collected (in this case the UCONN horse arena)
- Set up dates for on and off campus donations, and work with dining services, residence life, and off campus housing partners.
- Create drop off locations open from 10am-6pm, the items are weighed individually.
- Often use a student leader to ensure items are donated properly
- Work with WAIM, Access, Hand up, Cornerstone Foundation, Vernon Town shelter, Town of Mansfield social services, usually Salvation Army comes last as they will take almost anything.
- UCONN provides transportation needed to move items. Move out waste is collected once a year in the spring semester.
- Shellena had the idea to open the recycling center rooms in the halls as drop off locations.
- Josh suggested that 3 drop off locations on campus could meet our needs – need to have residence life completely involved with this effort.
- Paul – the agencies need to be there on the day of move out to get the items.

Moving forward

- Miguel Colon will send along the sheet of items that UCONN uses that are accepted into the donation.
- Follow up with Josh and Lamar Coleman (Residential Life) to develop and support efforts for 2015 move out. Connect with Kim Silcox on previous Eastern move out initiatives.

2. EV charging station

- One EV charging station was installed in the Shakespeare parking garage.
- Thanks to the efforts from facilities and Kyle for ensuring that this process went through.

Moving Forward

- Kyle sent out images of the EV charging station.
- Press release was issued.
- Kyle is also developing a webpage to support awareness and education about EV charging stations on campus.
- There will be signage about how the EV charging stations are to be used.
- Once the webpage is developed, Renee will send out an email to campus to let them know about the charging station and how to use it.

3. Solarize U

- Eastern is one of 6 campuses participating in the Solarize U program for CT.
- Dr. Núñez will be announcing the participation at the University Meeting in January.
- The program is focused on employees installing solar at their homes.

4. Trayless dining and Food

- Lauren Polansky met with Dr. Núñez to encourage Eastern's actions toward trayless dining. In addition to leadership from Dining Services on this initiative, Dr. Núñez requests that we work carefully to prepare students for this change, engage with other groups (e.g., SGA Coalition), and learn from a previous attempt at Eastern that was unsuccessful. Lauren should meet with Jason Coombs at Dining Services to debrief the conversation with the president.
- Paul – mentioned campuses that use a bio-box, which is a composting technology for campus dining halls.

Moving forward

- Lauren will meet with Jason Coombs.

5. Transportation Survey

- Steph looked at a number of campus transportation surveys and developed one that could be used by Eastern to facilitate with GHG data collection and AASHE STARS. Please see attached document to the email.

6. AASHE STARS

- Steve Nathan will be presenting at the Deans and Heads meeting December 2nd, in the hopes of finding out how faculty are involved with campus sustainability and/or sustainability research

Moving forward

- Look at Transportation survey and send feedback to Laura Miller at millerlau@easternct.edu

Next meeting/holiday party Tuesday December 23rd, 11am, Student Center 221.