

Eastern CT State University

Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2015

Participants:

- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Renee Keech, Interim Director of Facilities
- Jason Coombs, Director Food Services
- Lisa Curtiss, Media Services
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Steve Nathan, Professor, Environmental Earth Science
- Kevin Paquin, University Relations
- Mimi Cedrone, ISE
- Jenna Lafleur, ISE
- Kevin McCormick, ISE
- Dan Wunderlin, ISE
- Trevor Warbin, ISE

1. Welcome and Introductions – Lynn announced ACUPCC opportunity for Presidents to sign a Leadership Commitment that includes carbon neutrality and resilience
2. Waste Management and Recycling
 - a. Viewed recycling video created by Eastern students – An excellent outreach tool. Thanks to Lisa Curtiss for her help. Video can be viewed at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-k1r6jzr790>
 - b. Timing and plan for recycling outreach – The new, labeled recycling dumpsters will not be available until mid-October. The Committee discussed moving ahead with recycling outreach to students and dorms right away by taping the new recycling label (a printed copy mounted on corrugated plastic sign) to existing dumpsters, providing paper copies of labels to students through Res Life/hall meetings, etc. Lisa Curtiss offered to help create the recycling label signs for dumpsters.
 - c. Waste and recycling collection service – Renee is renegotiating the contact with our hauler, informed by data from waste audits conducted by students. We have been able to reduce the size of some waste containers and decrease the frequency of service for some containers, resulting in a savings of approximately \$30,000/year.
 - d. Overview of summer waste audits – Trevor provided an overview of data collected over the summer. ISE students will continue to do waste audits and collect data. Renee will give Trevor a list of the containers under the re-negotiated contract.
 - e. Trayless dining – Jason reported very good results from going trayless this summer: less food waste, reduced wait times in line, less dishwasher not jamming.

Committee decided to hold off on creating a trayless video until there are more results (perhaps in spring). Jason is also considering having table tents made in spring, showing results of going trayless.

3. Input on Eastern sustainability logo – Mimi gave an overview of initiative to create an Eastern sustainability logo, showing some examples from other universities. Kevin Paquin will develop the logo. Committee recommends the use of the word “sustainable” or “sustainability” with the logo (rather than green...). The Committee will be happy to review any drafts from Kevin and provide further input.
4. Eastern vehicle fleet inventory - Kevin presentation graphs summarizing data on Eastern’s fleet (see attached). The committee will dig deeper into this data at future meetings to determine the major opportunities for GHG reductions and opportunities for replacing vehicles with more efficient/alt fuel vehicles.
5. Planning for upcoming events
 - a. EV event from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Wed, 9/16. Kevin is organizing.
 - b. Campus Sustainability Week – Oct 5-9 – Jenna provided an initial list of potential events at Eastern.
6. AASHE STARS update – tabled until next meeting.