

Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes 9/23/14

People present:

- Stephanie Rogers, ISE intern
- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Renee Keech, Associate Director of Engineering & Design
- Laura Miller, Energy Technical Specialist, ISE
- Kyle Ellsworth, ISE intern
- Paul Torcellini, Endowed Chair, Center for Sustainable Energy Studies
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Cindy Hodis, Purchasing
- Steve Nathan, Professor Environmental Earth Science
- Lourdes Ardel, Human Resources
- Joshua Sumrell, Housing and Residential Life
- Laura Markley, ISE intern

2. Green Housing Initiatives

- Josh who is now the green themed housing director discussed past dorm initiatives from his work with Southern CT State University. At SCSU recyclmania was a big event in the spring time, with involvement from academic departments also.

- Here at ECSU Josh is hoping to engage the 13 green themed students to get involved with recycling on their floor, in the hopes of leading to a recycle mania pilot for the whole dorm.

- Renee mentioned about the energy contest between the dorms that occurs as part of the Dean's cup challenge.

- Josh also discussed how the students from the dorms got involved with the community garden on campus through an RA program that existed. RA's also minimized flyers by moving to 100% digital event promotion.

- The food court at SCSU also had composting Josh is going to find out the name of the company that assists with that *

- Discussion about how to incentivize incoming freshman to be more sustainable. Josh mentioned using a green dorm certification program, (see attached PPT from a presenter this spring about green dorms)

- Lourdes, Cindy, and Renee discussed composting in Hurley, and the group decided that Jason Coombs should be invited to future meetings

- Paul – we need more marketing, and signage at Eastern to change our approach and get more people on board. Also recommended an A-Z list of recycling for our campus, and suggested knowing the pathway is important too and that some classes could partake in trash inventory audits.

- On September 16th Laura and Stephanie went to speak to the green themed students about recyclemania, as well as hosting a green themed social with others on their floor. At the end of the talk students were given recycling bins, and reusable bags.

3. Recycling

- Lynn reported on meeting with Eric Germain and has been able to look at the reports on waste that are sent to the DEEP. This information includes sample weights for recycling, and other waste items.
- There was some discussion on what to do with toners and batteries
- There is an Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) website for Eastern found at: <http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/ehs/index.html> this includes some of the information on recycling things such as used electronics and fluorescent light bulbs.
- Tyler will plan to add a link from the green campus committee page to this page, as well as a link from the ISE main page *
- Cindy reminded people that when moving equipment such as old electronics that an equipment disposition form will need to be used.
- Cindy also mentioned about contract requirements, and the group discussed changing contract requirements when contracts were up as a way of institutionalizing sustainability actions.
- Use of paper by many faculty for classes is extensive, and this could be reduced by each office having its own policy on copying e.g. 2-2 sided as a default, as well as making use of more online tools.

4. EV Charging station grant

- Renee reported on Eastern's receiving of the grant to install an EV charging station which will be installed into Shakespeare parking garage. There will be two parking spaces located on the ground floor of the garage for electric vehicles.
- Paul is going to look over product specs to identify which type of meter might be placed on the charging station*
- ISE will contact Watson Collins from CL&P
- There will also need to be a protocol on signage used next to the charging station.

5. Sustainability outreach and communication on campus

- Spoke about sustainability training during orientation. Orientation used to be offered, but it has been offered on an inconsistent basis for staff, and a more consistent basis for faculty.
- Steve talked about the possibility of attending department head meetings to share sustainability initiatives with faculty and continue to raise awareness.

6. Updating Eastern's AASHE STARS

- Steve discussed the target date for updating AASHE STARS, for fall 2015. Spoke about the academic portion, and how he is looking to better find out what courses that are being taught that are sustainability related, and sustainability focused.
- Suggested the idea of running a half day workshop for faculty who teach sustainability, or who want to alter their courses to include more sustainability aspects.

Next meeting, Tuesday October 28th, 2014