

Eastern CT State University

Green Campus Committee Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2015

Participants:

- Lynn Stoddard, Director of ISE, and Green Campus Committee Chair
- Lourdes Ardel, Human Resources
- Eric Germain, Environmental Health & Safety
- Cindy Hodis, Purchasing
- Shellena Pitterson, Drafting
- Paul Torcellini, Endowed Chair, Center for Sustainable Energy Studies
- Steve Nathan, Professor, Environmental Earth Science
- Emma Blandford, Niejadlik Hall Director
- Joshua Sumrell, Low Rise Hall Director
- Laura Miller, ISE
- Jenna Lafleur, ISE
- Dan Wunderlin, ISE

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. AASHE STARS update

- a. Laura presented the AASHE STARS website and an overview of its Tech manual and data entry pages. She briefly discussed AASHE's broader categories (academics, engagement, innovation, planning and administration, and operations), some specific examples, and a brief look at the scoring process.
- b. Questions derived from these categories have been and are currently being sent to the appropriate persons for answers, with whom the ISE will do in-person follow-ups to assist in the answering process.
- c. Eastern's current Silver rating expires November 9th, so the internal deadline for a new AASHE submission is the end of October.
- d. In discussion, a lack of clarity over Eastern's sustainability investment subcategory (regarding whether there is a singular overseer and what Eastern facets would qualify for the subcategory) was noted as needing to be addressed. Another concern brought up was that the campus uses recycled printing paper, but the packaging the paper comes in may not be recyclable.

3. Waste Management and Recycling

- a. Need to follow-up on Lexan order.

- b. Willi-Waste gave the ISE the okay to put their stickers on 15 of Eastern's recycling dumpsters. Lisa Curtiss of Media Services took charge of printing the stickers.
 - c. Josh announced a floor vs floor recycling competition in Burnap and Crandall Hall. The floor to collect the most recycled bottles and cans will redeem them for cash to cover a pizza party. Josh also announced that resident hall offices have been instructed to collect electronics, aerosol cans, and other unique wastes. Paul is looking to draft a comprehensive list of Eastern waste items and their various disposal methods.
 - d. Recycling outreach signage for offices is drafted but pending posting. The signage will be used by Facilities to train maintenance staff in appropriate recycling methods. The waste audits by Trevor and Dan of the ISE, as well as potential future indoor audits by Paul's students, will build a better understanding of what recycling amenities need adjusting to minimize faculty and staff confusion. An ISE student intern is also working on a short recycling video for office personnel.
4. On October 8th, as part of Campus Sustainability Week, there will be two showings of the documentary *REUSE!* in the Student Center Theater at 11am and 12:30pm, alongside a showing of the short mixed recycling video produced by the ISE. ISE intern Jimmy is following up on the price to show the film and to check the format it will be delivered in.
5. Past and Upcoming Events
- a. Campus Sustainability Week, Oct 5-9 – Events at Eastern and other schools will be posted to the online calendar.
 - b. Report back on 9/16 EV event – It was a success, complete with front page coverage by the Willimantic Chronicle.
 - c. Paul is waiting on approval to install a meter to monitor the amount of usage of the EV charging station in the Shakespeare parking garage.
 - d. Inquiry to effectiveness of SolarizeU—Inventory of how many attendees installed some form of solar may be pursued.
6. For next time:
- a. Sustainability branding logo update
 - b. AASHE STARS update

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 28, 9am-10am Student Center room 221