

Sustainability Council minutes, July 15, 2016

Attendance: recorded at 16

- We have applied for the ACCU-Solution Generation Climate Leadership Award from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. Winners will be announced in October.
- St. Francis Day Celebration:
<http://www.creighton.edu/about/sustainability/catholicandjesuit/stfrancis16/>
 - Residence Hall competition – Energy Club/GreenJays student teams to stop by residence hall rooms and “catch” residents doing good things and give away prizes. This offers a chance to have a discussion with students and create awareness.
 - Speaker: Dr. Joshua Kniefel of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to speak about the economics of energy conservation. Wednesday, September 21 at 7 pm Hixson-Lied G04. Light snacks in the Hixson-Lied atrium 6-7 pm
 - Panel discussion: “Sustainability Initiatives at the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo”, featuring a guest panel from the Zoo, as well as Creighton faculty and students involved in those initiatives. September 30 at 1 pm. Hixson-Lied Auditorium, Harper Center
Light snacks outside the auditorium 12 noon - 1 pm
 - Spirit of St. Francis Celebration cookout/picnic and Awards presentation: October 7 Lunch: 11:30 -1:30 with the awards presentation at 12:30, Kiewit Fitness Center patio
 - Spirit of St. Francis Mass will be held at noon on October 4.
 - Business, Faith, and the Common Good Symposium
- Spirit of St. Francis awards – get your nominations to Ryan Wishart by Monday, September 26.
- Upcoming plans for Council:
 - How to expand Earth Week? What types of activities, when, etc?
 - How to support President’s Council?
- SCSJ Updates: Supporting St. Francis Day activities. Advocacy Team has been working on their fall event, the IFTJ.
- Jays Dig Deep Updates:
 - Student gardening club is now officially registered.
 - The garden is doing well (plots outside greenhouse).
 - Want to work with Sodexo to plant fruit trees and serve the fruit in the dining halls.
 - Want to have a mini-greenhouse in the library (lots of windows and natural light).
 - It is difficult to find plants that will grow all summer with minimal input, since most students go home for the summers.
 - Looking to have cooking demos and partnerships with other groups on campus
- Sodexo Updates: No update
- GreenJays Updates: no update
- President’s Advisory Committee Updates
 - First meeting was today; typically will be same day as Council meetings
 - Charge is to develop recommendations for president
 - Will be looking at vision: think boldly

- Will be doing a “deep dive” into institutional knowledge. Council important in this.
- Will be bringing in “outside expertise” which includes on- and off-campus experts on various aspects
- Looking to hire full-time sustainability coordinator

Upcoming events:

- Next meeting is October 21 @ 2pm in Eppley 119
- St. Francis Day celebrations listed above September/October 2016.