

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

February 17, 2012

Members Present: Noted at 16

The minutes from the January 20, 2012 meeting were acknowledged as accurate.

An update from Anna Green –

- World Water Day will be noted March 22, 2012 as a Green Bag Lunch. The presenters will be from UNL and M.U.D.
- CCSJ is working on an activity for Earth Day, perhaps a table display on the mall.
- The GreenJays are working on a program to enhance bike ridership.

Cheri Annin said that Creighton was registered as a participant of One Shirt National Collegiate Clothing Challenge. The event is a contest to collect clothing during Earth Week. This will focus on the April 18th Earth Day. The clothing will be given to charities. There may be opportunities for having collection points in residence halls and other locations.

Mary Duda talked about the recycle program on campus –

- a) The Pepsi opportunity is being further reviewed. The “Dream Machine” from Pepsi will recycle both plastic bottles and aluminum cans. There are a number of questions still unanswered. Mary will work with Ryan Lahne to learn more about the program.
- b) RecycleMania! is ongoing. The results are being reported to the sponsoring agency.
- c) The recycle program is being reviewed with and by students to consider ways to enhance the program.

Ann Green was recognized for her efforts to develop a successful and informative Green Bag Lunch program.

Mary Duda did not have an update about the energy dashboard project. The comments in the meeting minutes from January 20, 2012 are current.

Council members were asked to help Mary Duda at the Sourcing 2012 event. The program, sponsored by Purchasing, is scheduled for March 6. The Sustainability Council will have a table to enhance awareness of the Council’s work and sustainability in general.

Jessica Heller updated the Council on the actions around this year’s Ignatian Garden. The community garden will get underway under the monitoring by John Schwede again this year. To promote gardening the Wellness Council will host a luncheon on April 10th highlighting healthy gardening. Jessica and John Schwede anticipate being part of the presenting team.

Other Ignatian Gardening updates include –

- 1) The plot fee is increased from \$20 to \$25 for the season.
- 2) Language in the agreement about forfeiture of the plot will be amended.

- 3) Garden plots will be assigned to those that had plots last year and wish to return. Unassigned plots will be raffled to those applying for a plot.
- 4) Three social activities are being planned for the growing season at the garden –
 - a) An April planting kick off.
 - b) A mid-season evening at the garden.
 - c) A fall clean up.

Lennis Pederson spoke about the synergy of the potential Utility and Energy Master Plan; the comprehensive Energy Conservation Master Plan previously submitted to the university administration and the draft Transportation Master Plan being written. The overlap in ways to reduce the carbon foot print and enhance sustainability efforts are evident in each document.

Frank Reida made the Council aware of three governmental action updates –

- 1) Despite a court order suspending the enforcement of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) the EPA has issued two final rules modifying the structure of the program. Promulgated in July, 2011 the CSAPR establishes a limited interstate cap and trade program for power sector emission of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide. The ruling is for 28 states in the eastern half of the United States.
The second rule, which is being issued as a “direct final” rule would revise statewide emission budgets for an additional eight states covered by CSAPR.
Together, these two rules increase the allowed amount of emissions in states covered by CSAPR by 2 percent.
- 2) The Bureau of Land Management is preparing a proposed rule that would establish certain disclosure and well testing requirements for hydraulically fractured wells to disclose all chemical constituents of drilling fluid used in the process and how the process is engineered to keep the well integrity intact. The rule will also comment on plans for handling and disposing of waste from the process.
- 3) The NRC has approved 3 permits to build nuclear power plants in Georgia.

Lennis Pederson informed the group that the next significant portion of the project to utilize alternative energy is in the design phase. The project is to install solar collectors on the roof of the old car wash building to be a source for making hot water for consumption in the Criss Complex.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

The next meeting is March 16, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Union Pacific Room.