

Sustainability Council Meeting
Minutes

August 21, 2009

Members: Noted at 12

Ken Reed Bouley invited the group to consider having the meeting in his office suite in the Harper Center. The Council will be asked via e-mail to respond to the site change because the space needs to be convenient to the larger group.

Conversation amongst the Council was directed toward preparation of a handout or brochure that could be given out during new employee orientation and sustainability awareness events. Lennis Pederson will appoint council members to a sub-committee to develop the handout.

Lennis informed the group that all the approvals for establishing Creighton as a farmer's market site had been gotten. The timing was not conducive to having the program started this year but it will be offered in 2010. The idea has great support from the campus Wellness Committee.

The preliminary thinking is to have the market one afternoon a week, possibly Wednesday. Three to five truck farmers would be invited. The location on campus would vary from week to week to offer convenient shopping.

Mary Duda could not attend the meeting. She left notes that the NDEQ Grant for chemical management was closed. The grant was funded to recycle quality, unused lab chemicals to other labs that may use the product. The idea did not work.

It was also reported that the NDEQ Grant for adding hardware to selected campus contractors was in progress. The hardware has been purchased and installed on the compactors at Becker hall and Swanson Hall. These compactors will be used for single stream recycle commodity. Dumpsters for trash will be added at these sites.

Lennis Pederson reported that the community recycle dumpster will be returning to the site at 22nd Street north of Cuming. The dumpster will be funded by Creighton and managed by Creighton. (As of 9-14-09 the dumpster has not been returned).

The council was informed that an RFP for a consultant to prepare the documentation of the Creighton carbon foot print was been drafted. Mary Duda and Fran Angeroth are preparing the document that will be sent to not more than 16 firms. It is noted that help with the analysis of the carbon foot print will be required from:

- A) The Athletic Department regarding trips to inter collegiate events
- B) Energy Systems, OPPD and MUD
- C) Shuttle Services
- D) Purchasing to identify the miles traveled by faculty/staff and students

The RFP will be issued in late September/early October. Members of the council will be asked to evaluate the responses.

Frank Reida gave an update on the status of legislation relating to cap and trade. Frank was asked to prepare monthly remarks on pending legislation.

Teresa Bohnet and Mary Duda were not available to report on the July meeting on the Midlands Educational Sustainability Forum. Lennis commented that several colleges and universities did participate. The session went long indicating much interest in sharing and learning from others.

The council decided to further investigate having organic gardens and community gardens on campus in 2010. The idea was tabled until November when Jessica Hiller returns to work. The same is applicable for a site to demonstrate a rain garden.

Cheri Annin circulated information about bottle water. The council remains committed to eliminating disposable water bottles from campus. Since the August 21, 2009 meeting Facilities Management installed the first bottle water filler adaptor kit to a water cooler in the Kiewit Fitness Center. The test site seems to be functional but there is not a way to judge the usage. It is expected that the kit will be added to other water coolers across campus. Further, new water coolers will be purchased with a water bottle filler.

The council was encouraged to car pool and promote the idea of car pooling. The MAPA car pooling program, RideShare, is a convenient and safe way to locate others that desire to car pool. The RideShare program is endorsed by Creighton University.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

The next meeting will be September 18, 2009 at 2:00 PM in the Union Pacific Room in the Alumni Library.