

SIUC Sustainability Council
Online Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2013

PRESENT at CEHS: Deb Sarvela, Craig Anz, Chef Bill Connors, Jill Johnson, Janet Donoghue, Kris Schachel
PLUS Eric Wilber via Google Hangout, and Drew Foxx via phone!

After introductions, Kris gave an update of her team's summer activities:

- Completed and sent out (July 22) the Council Primer
- Website updates and content-loading = work in progress (wip)
- STARS campus sustainability assessment = wip
- Recycling GA (Tom Reichert) has revised a Recycling Reference Guide which will be sent out to all the academic areas; he's also working to build a single comprehensive spreadsheet with all the recycling data we have to date (information more than three years old is being pulled from a variety of prior sources); making plans to increase the presence of recycling specifically at Athletics events this year, due to the [most recent Alcoa Collegiate Recycling Grant](#) we got.
- Sustainability GA (Janet Donoghue) is working to prepare for many student engagement efforts: we're going to hook our [Going Green LLC](#) residents right away with gift bags - reusable shopping bags with donated goodies; also planning to resurrect the EcoDawgs RSO; preparing the Sustainability Pledge campaign (see attachment w/ our approved water bottle artwork); and upping our social media presence!
- For the campus compost expansion, we are currently preparing several IEPA permit applications. On Wednesday, I toured the facility at Appalachian State in Boone, NC along with Justin Harrell and Phil Gatton of PSO and Myron Albers of Ag.

Eric also gave an update of what he's been working on this summer:

- In anticipation for preparing the report due to the Chancellor, he's carefully reviewed all prior Green Fund awardees and contacted them for report narratives, including when possible any pictures.
- He's also worked with Patti Perschbacher to close out the finances of completed projects so we'll know as closely as possible what balance is in the Green Fund and what project commitments remain.
- He compiled a list of Goals & Objectives for Council this coming year (page 10 of the Primer)
- Would like to put together a "Green Fee at Five" report to publish spring 2014 as a marketing tool for SIU Sustainability.

UPCOMING COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Business meetings were set for Tuesdays at 3 pm, with the first being August 27.
- First tasks will be to elect officers and set committees. Eric will contact everyone individually to discuss; he explained that by default, students serve on the Green Fund committee.

- Eric reviewed the 'Discussion Topic Meeting Proposal' he sent July 1. Consensus was in support, and those meetings will fall in between monthly Council meetings (dates on page 9 of Primer). The Sept. 10 meeting will likely be an in-depth session on preparation of the Chancellor's report.

We also spent some time considering the timeframe this fall's Green Fund call for proposals, deadline, and award announcement. Kris proposed the timetable below, to introduce a more systemized bi-annual schedule, but Eric and Chef Bill voiced concerns that it may be too challenging this fall (a tight squeeze on timing).

Fall 2013

Call for Proposals - circulated ~ Aug. 28, 29, 30 [emails, social media, DE spots, WSIU?]

Green Fund Q&A proposal workshop - Sep. 4/5th

Proposal Deadline - midnight, Sep. 24

Winners Announced - Campus Sustainability Day, Oct. 23

FYI: Last year, Makayla circulated the Call Sep. 12, held workshops Sep. 26 & Oct. 11, and deadline was Oct. 24. Winners weren't announced until Dec. 10 - which Eric explained posed a great difficulty for ag/garden-related applicants b/c by the time they received word, it was too late to plan(t) accordingly.

Spring 2014

Call for Proposals - circulated ~ Feb. 5, 6, 7

Workshop - Feb. 12/13 -OR- Feb. 19/20

Proposal Deadline - midnight, March 25

Winners Announced - Earth Day, April 22

No decision was reached - especially considering that Corne was not present.

==> OTHER DISCUSSION <==

- Regarding the website, Janet encourages Council members to submit suggestions for items to promote - your own publications, recommended readings, excellent TED talks, etc. Send them to sustainability@siu.edu please & thank you!
- Craig said that the UCOL/First Year theme of "water" is a great tie-in with the Olive Branch relocation project (plus flood mitigation, IGERT, etc); "confluence" is a key term
- Also, our USGBC student chapter is open to suggestions for [Green Apple Day, Sep. 28](#)

Meeting adjourned ~ 5:15. Thanks to everyone who made it!