

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Green Team Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2017, 1:00-2:00pm in Kunsela Hall A227 at Utica Campus

Committee members present:

[Mark Bremer](#), Biology Faculty, Chair
[Deborah Hanson](#), SODEXO Sustainability Manager
[Alex Bulson](#), Humanities Faculty
[Mark Mattson](#), Engineering Faculty
[Robert Edgell](#), Management Faculty
[Carolyn Rodak](#), Engineering Faculty

Committee members absent:

[Aaron LaFave](#), Energy Coordinator
[Stacey Genther](#), Wellness Coordinator
[Brendan Mahoney](#), IDS Faculty
[Matt Putnam](#), Director of Facilities
[Hanbing Wang](#), Chemistry Faculty,
[Alexander Turner](#), Student Association Liaison

Invited Guests:

Anirudh Bharadwaj, SODEXO Sustainability Student Intern
Kevin Carpenter, Student Association Sustainability Committee

Others Attending:

Marissa Kitts, Student in Sustainable Design course

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Food waste diversion

- A. [Food recovery](#)/donation of unused food from dining hall donated to affiliates of Food Bank of CNY. Student volunteers needed to help run a chapter of the program here. 1-2hrs/wk.
- B. hired a Sustainable dining intern: **Anirudh Bharadwaj**

II. [2016 NY Sustainability Conference](#) @ New Paltz Nov 2-3 attended by Mark Bremer

- A. Forest carbon sequestration @ Colgate U and SUNY ESF method for quantifying carbon sequestered annually in campus trees, can be applied as an offset to campus emissions.
- B. [SUNY Sustainability Coalition statement on construction demolition recycling](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. ICNY - Clean Energy and Economic Vitality March 17 & 18

- A. 54 SUNY Poly students registered
- B. Site visits around MV and CNY
- C. Expert review on Friday March 17 3 -6 pm
- D. Ideation on Saturday March 18 opportunity for Green Team members to view process 2pm-ish

I. GHG Emissions Inventory and Report

A. We are conducting a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the Utica campus as part of a class project for BIO 106 Solutions for a Sustainable World (Bremer). Five students are collaborating with the instructor. Utica Facilities has begun providing [data](#). Albany Facilities is unable to share data. We are using an online emissions calculator called [CarbonMAP](#).

B. based on the GHG inventory, we will create a Climate Action Plan for setting emissions reductions goals and a timeline for implementing the plan. Alternatively, grant money is available for the [REV Campus Challenge Roadmaps Technical Assistance Program](#).

II. New Proposed Sustainability Curriculum

- A. IDS B.A. concentration in Sustainability Studies
- B. IDS B.S. concentration in Sustainability Studies

III. SUNY Performance Improvement Fund Application

- A. Infrastructure Priority Area: [Green Building LEED Certification By Student Experiential Learning Project Proposal](#).

IV. Earth Week Activities

- A. Ideas? - Site visits to local farms, invite a food truck to campus, invited lecture

V. Living Learning Communities

- A. Engineering students take same courses, live together on same floor of a residence hall
- B. Freshmen experience design project global issue with local impact

VI. [NYS Green Building Conference @ Syracuse Marriott March 30-31](#) Mark Bremer will attend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: early May 2017 to review GHG inventory draft report