

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

[Green Team Meeting Minutes](#)

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 @ 12:30 - 1:45 pm Kunsela Hall A129 Utica Campus

Committee members:

[Mark Bremer](#), Biology Faculty, Chair, Present
Alex Bulson, Humanities Faculty, Present
Dan Eddy, Assistant Director of Residential Life, Present
Robert Edgell, Business Faculty, Absent
Stacey Genther, Wellness Coordinator, Absent
Deborah Hanson, Sodexo Sustainable Dining Programs Manager, Present
Aaron LaFave, Energy Coordinator, Present
Brendan Mahoney, IDS Faculty, Absent
Matt Putnam, Director of Facilities, Absent
Elizabeth Rossi, K-12 Outreach Director, Absent
Hanbing Wang, Chemistry Faculty, Present
Alexander Turner, Student Association Liaison, Absent

Recruiting new members, especially students! Contact Mark Bremer if interested.

Invited Guests:

Celine Fucci, President Wildcats Care, Absent
Dan Purdy, Purdy Foods, Present

Others Attending:

none

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Recycling

- a. NEED to identify places around campus that do not comply with dual trash/recycle bin standard (volunteers?). EVENTS need to comply also. OHSWA will help with labels and applying for funding for new bins. NEED to re-issue recycling flyer to campus offices and departments as a reminder of procedures
- b. MB led a Res Life Fireside Chat on Feb 10, 2016 @ Campus Center Dining Hall about "What is Recyclable?" Good opportunity for faculty/staff to connect with students.

II. Reforming the Energy Vision [REV Campus Challenge](#) (MB)

- a. SUNY Sustainability Coordinators and Facilities Managers collaborating on applications for one of the three [Energy to Lead Competition](#) \$1 Mil prizes
 - i. Utilize [NY Energy Manager](#) for the Residence Halls across multiple campuses to promote energy conservation.
 - ii. On seven SUNY campuses, host GPRO Training, form local Clean Energy Teams, create

or use existing capstone design course to install a ~\$100K demonstration renewable energy project.

III. Food Issues (MB, DH, DP)

- a. Host farmers market for 2016 Wellness Fair April 13: winter veggies, honey, cheese, hot sauces, coffee; another market event week of April 25.
- b. Local food from Purdy Foods (DP)
- c. local food designation, signage to increase awareness
- D. Sustainability Management and Reporting Tool (SMART) used at SUNY Poly quarterly data reporting
- E. [Food recovery](#)/donation. over 500 lbs. donated since November 2015 to affiliates of Food Bank of CNY
- F. recruiting a Sustainable dining intern

IV. STARS light report

- a. MB with help of staff in facilities, registrar, Sodexo, and others compiled data for a campus-wide [STARS](#) "Light" report, part of a larger [request](#) by the former SUNY Central Sustainability Coordinator for all SUNY campuses. Also SUNY Student Assembly passed a [resolution](#) requesting all SUNY campuses to adopt the STARS report. Our report is finished, has been peer-reviewed by three SUNY Sustainability Coordinators, and has been submitted to Administration for review before final public submittal to AASHE.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. SA Liaison to Green Team

- A. To encourage better communication, cooperation, and student involvement in the Green Team. Alexander Turner, SA President, has agreed to liaison with us. We look forward to a stronger relationship between the SA and the Green Team.

II. Earth Day/ Week Planning 4/18- 4/22

- A. Sodexo activities:
 - 1. meatless monday option 4/18
 - 2. waste - less Wednesday 4/20
 - 3. smoothie bike 4/22 student center?
- B. other ideas?

III. Bulletin Board Inventory

- A. An abundance of bulletin boards exists in some campus buildings. Some may be unnecessary and should be removed. Groups printing flyers could print and post less, saving money, time, and waste without sacrificing visibility.
- B. A small team should inventory the existing bulletin boards and count the max and min number of times a particular flyer is posted. SA and other groups that post flyers should be surveyed about flyer printing. (volunteers?)

- C. The team should make recommendations as to which boards to remove. The full Green Team will take their recommendation into consideration for a work order to Facilities to remove boards, fill holes, and paint walls as needed.

III. [I Love My Park Day](#) Clean Up events Saturday, May 7 2016, coincide with commencement this year. Students and faculty unlikely to participate due to conflict.

IV. GHG Emissions Report & Youth Climate Summit

a. We should conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the campus in 2016. In 2010 a class project was engaged to gather data and write the report. Can we identify a new fall class (engineering capstone design) to conduct the 2016 report? or volunteers to help with the inventory?

b. We are looking to send a team of 2-3 students and 2-3 faculty/staff to the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit at the Wild Center November 2016. The team will examine our (new) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report and develop a Climate Action Plan for setting emissions reductions goals and a timeline for implementing the plan. More information about the Climate Summit can be obtained at wildcenter.org/youth-climate-summit-thrive. We will apply for a travel grant to fund registration and accommodations. (volunteers?)

V. Collaboration with Albany site

a. [Zero Energy Nanotechnology \(ZEN\) building](#) LEED certification by student experiential learning project proposal submitted to Dean of A&S for review.

b. A tour of ZEN and presentation of CNSE's clean energy technology programs is scheduled for Wednesday May 18, 2016. Need to identify who is interested in going.

VI. Need to investigate [clean room garment recycling](#) for single use tyvek suits for guests. Full-time workers have their own reusable/cleanable garments.

VII. Electronics Recycling policy review by facilities staff has begun.

VIII. [MV Mini Maker-Faire](#) April 16. Call for proposals is now.

IX. Nomination for Sustainability Award.

NEXT MEETINGS: Mon-Fri April 18-22 for Earth Week events
May 18 for tour of Albany CNSE ZEN building
Sept for next info and planning meeting