

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

Green Team Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2016, 1:30 -2:30pm in Room Kunsela Hall B117 at Utica Campus

Committee members present:

[Mark Bremer](#), Biology Faculty, Chair
[Dan Eddy](#), Assistant Director of Residential Life
[Deborah Hanson](#), Sodexo Sustainability Manager
[Aaron LaFave](#), Energy Coordinator
[Carolyn Rodak](#), Engineering Faculty
[Alex Bulson](#), Humanities Faculty
[Mark Mattson](#), Engineering Faculty

Committee members absent:

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

Invited Guests:

None

Others Attending:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Recycling

- a. Need to identify places around campus that do not comply with dual trash/recycle bin
- b. Donovan and Kunsela halls were audited and brought into compliance in May 2016. Some places have reverted out of compliance again. Need to setup a meeting with custodial staff to review the dual bin plan.
- c. Support for events to enable compliance with the dual bin plan.

II. Food waste diversion

- A. [Food recovery](#)/donation of unused food from dining hall. over 500 lbs. donated since November 2015 to affiliates of Food Bank of CNY.
- B. found out reasons students are wasting food: oversized portions, didn't like taste.
- C. Will talk with Sodexo staff about how to minimize waste
- D. Post-consumer campus center dining hall week-long audit results

III. Bulletin Board Inventory

- A. An abundance of bulletin boards exists in some campus buildings. Some may be unnecessary and could be removed. Groups printing flyers could print and post less, saving money, time, and waste without sacrificing visibility.
- B. Donovan and Kunsela inventory update
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o46JbZxdJ1VFduFjc90x2t2WjaLkkHbXcRf9yc2qJj/c/edit?usp=sharing>000
- C. Outside parties are paid to post flyers on campus. We would need to setup a policy about registering their flyers for permission to post and specify locations they are allowed to post.

IV. Collaboration with Albany site

- A. [Zero Energy Nanotechnology \(ZEN\) building](#). A tour of ZEN and presentation of CNSE's clean energy technology programs was conducted Wednesday May 18, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. GHG Emissions Inventory and Report

A. We are conducting a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the Institute (both campuses). In 2010 a class project was engaged to gather data and write the report. Can we identify students, faculty, or others to help conduct the 2016 inventory and report?

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. The [ADK Youth Climate Summit](#) is happening Nov 3-4, the same time as the [NY Sustainability Conference](#).

II. Food waste diversion

- A. hired a Sustainable dining intern
- B. composting
 - Pre-consumer kitchen cuttings
 - Post-consumer options

III. Nomination for Sustainability Award.

- a. Carson Sorrell, former Director of Facilities. If this is acceptable to the group, we need to then compile a list of his green accomplishments and propose a time and venue for giving the award.

IV. Campus Crunch Thursday Oct 20. Campus Center and Student Center will observe.
Food Awareness day Monday Oct 24. Campus Sustainability Day Wednesday Oct 26.

NEXT MEETING: February 2017 to review GHG inventory draft report and plan Earth Week activities.