

10/02/2019

1st Campus Meeting of Fall 2019

Agenda

1. Introductions
 - a. Michael Dixon, VP for Facilities Management
2. Role of ESC
 - a. Provide input to CSPP and planning process
 - b. Goal 4: Incorporate sustainability practices into all academic, administrative, recreational and residential operations of the college
 - i. Develop educational education programs in campus operations, student life, and academic affairs that foster an awareness of climate change and encourage actions to address it
 - ii. Implement an energy conservation initiative involving education, behavior change, and operating/capital projects that reduce the college's overall energy consumption of Btu/gsf basis by 2% per year for the next six years
 - c. Changes from PC3
 - i. Councils promote efficiency by taking responsibility for specific tasks related to procedure, programs, and planning
 - ii. Open to all but voting only by official members, strive for consensus
 1. Official members:
 - a. Michael Dixon
 - b. Brian Potter
 - c. Louise Ammentorp
 - d. Rita King
 - e. Kiley Cinelli
 - f. Raymond Gonzalez
 - g. Carin Acosta - Student Government Representative
 - h. Cohere Elliston - Student Government Representative
 - iii. Report to CSPP
3. Status of current projects
 - a. Rideshare
 - i. About 20% of our emissions are related to commuting.
 - ii. The app is being updated by Dr. Knox and a student. Once it is complete we will have students test it. We have a running list of student volunteers but we could always use more so forward student names and emails to dasilvn3@tcnj.edu or Dr. Potter potter@tcnj.edu . We need both iPhone and Android users.
 - b. America recycles day and recycling education

- i. Explore dump and run campaign revival for end of year. Issues with the program in the past have been: difficulty obtaining student and staff labor during finals week.
 - ii. America Recycles Day will be connected to Stormwater Pollution Prevention Education Plan moving forward. The event is happening November 15th.
 - c. Bikes
 - i. Ewing Walks
 - 1. One issue preventing students from biking to campus is that the loop is not complete. In order for biking to campus to be safe, the loop needs to be fully constructed.
 - 2. Bike Paths - Ewing Walks group from Dr. Shakow's course completed a white paper to promote the construction of 'the loop'.
 - 3. Transportation Survey - A bonner student is working on re-distributing the Transportation survey that was sent out in 2014. They will be working with the communications department on it.
 - ii. Charging for parking as a method to push for sustainable transportation use
 - 1. Happens already - students are charged \$250 per semester , commuter pay per semester but at a reduced cost. Faculty parking, however, is free.
 - d. Energy competition
 - i. Environmental club planned the event last semester.
 - ii. Environmental club may be unable to host the event. Bonners will attempt to explore the feasibility of the project.
 - 1. We need to decide sooner than later if the project is of interest because it requires a lot of planning and prep.
 - e. People 4 Plants
 - i. Expansion of pollinator garden project which received ESC funding
 - ii. Looking to get TCNJ to commit to planting only native plants and non-invasive species on campus as well as stopping the use of harmful pesticides.
 - f. Carbon Free tcnj
 - i. Goal: Carbon neutral by 2040.
 - ii. Campus architect would be a good connection to verify what policies are in place for student input on campus improvements - Rotherman
 - iii. State requirement of public art to balance out new construction - look into this policy.
4. Sustainability Plan

- a. Accessibility of public forums
 - i. When we have fora we will stagger the times so that we can be as accessible as possible to students, faculty, and staff.
 - ii. The option to submit feedback online will be pursued.
 - b. Survey of other institutions sustainability plan
 - i. ESC members should read into these plans and come prepared to share on what you think should be included in our sustainability plan.
5. Next meeting with be November 6

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