

12/04/2019

3rd Campus Meeting of Fall 2019

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. People 4 Plants, Student Campaign Group
 - a. Proposed commitments:
 - i. Commit to stop the use of harsh chemical pesticides and herbicides, and instead use organic, sustainable fertilizers
 - ii. Create a webpage on today.tcnj.edu to display the TCNJ grounds management plan
 - iii. Commit to only purchasing and planting plants native to this area of NJ
 - b. Proposed next steps:
 - i. Immediately cease the purchasing of nonnative and invasive plants and begin the purchasing and planting of native species, which can begin starting with the next planting season.
 - ii. Test out sustainable fertilizers once the next planting season begins such as compost.
 - iii. Within one semester following the completion of testing of new products, there should be a webpage that describes the types of plants, fertilizers and pesticides that are used to maintain our campus that is readily accessible from the today.tcnj.edu webpage.
 - c. Feedback: The Council recommends that People 4 Plants add clearer language about the types of pesticides they are referring to. Also,
3. Carbon Free TCNJ, Student Campaign Group
 - a. Proposed commitments and next steps:
 - i. Set a carbon neutrality date of 2040 and strengthen the current carbon commitment that the college has.
 - ii. More transparency and better reporting on the work being done and TCNJ's carbon footprint.
 - b. Feedback: TCNJ was originally committed to the carbon neutrality date of 2040 but pulled out of the date after the recession hit. There is a sense within the Council that a date should be set for the climate action plan. The Council thinks the group should go forth with proposing a 'soft commitment' of 'try to be carbon neutral by 2040'.
4. 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day - <http://earthday.org/>
 - a. 50 different groups will do at least 1 thing in honor of Earth Day.
 - b. We will need a committee to plan this celebration. Can contact Mike Dixon if you're interested dixonm@tcnj.edu !

5. Bonner Updates - Fall 2019 Projects, Completed
 - a. Recycling: TerraCycle bins (will be continued in Spring 2020), America Recycles Day, and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Education.
 - b. Energy - Knowledge is Power Campaign: educational stanchions, screening of the Human Element
 - c. Transportation: Rideshare app promotion, development of the Reboot Your Commute campaign, and student working on an updated Transportation survey
 6. Rideshare
 - a. The app is up for use. Please send feedback to Dr. Potter if you experience any issues with the app.
 - b. In the Spring of 2020 we will be pushing a publicity campaign to encourage students, faculty, and staff to use the app. The biggest incentive to using the app are the reserved parking spots. What other ways can we incentivize the use of the app?
 - c. Feedback: Send out a campus wide email to get people to use the app, especially large groups.
 7. Next meeting will be on - February 5, 2020
 - a. Send any agenda proposals to Dr. Potter
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