

Environmental Sustainability Council (ESC)

29 April, 2020, 1:30-2:50 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Louise Ammentorp
Michael Aucott
Blake Capella
Michael Dixon
Raymond Gonzalez
Katherine Kahn
Nathan Magee
Brian Potter
Amanda Radosti
Anthony Ricca
Karen Roth
Miriam Shakow

Announcements.

- Mike Dixon gave a report on Earth Week activities. A campus-wide committee coordinated programming and its transfer to online activities in response to the public health crisis. Highlights include ample student participation and a tree-planting campaign.
- Amanda Radosti reported that she has worked with Professor Knox and some of her computer science students to begin designing a recycling app for TCNJ. Work will resume in the Fall semester.
- Sebastian Czerwiński is still soliciting responses for the transportation survey.
- Mike Dixon updated the committee on a solar power purchasing agreement that the College is pursuing. The State of New Jersey is offering incentives for solar development and the proposal period begins on May 1. Mike is working with Cabinet and the Board to approve a proposal. The project would generate roughly two megawatts of power from solar panels on the rooftops of several buildings and in the parking lots.

Agenda Items

1. The committee approved its meeting minutes from April 1. However, in the process of reviewing the minutes, it became clear that the committee did not seek input on the plastic bag ban that it discussed on April 1. This work should be done in the Fall semester.
2. The committee approved TCNJ's first draft Sustainability Plan. The plan was sent the co-chairs of CSPP.

The next ESC meeting is September 2, 1:30-2:50.