

# Environmental Sustainability Council (ESC)

October 6th, 2021

*Meeting Minutes*

## 2nd Campus Meeting of Fall 2021

In Attendance: Lauren Madden, Joyce Vilson, Katie Kahn, Miriam Shakow, Larry Pearlstein, Ben Paraan, Amanda Radosti, Paul Romano, Heath Collins, Emma Kenny, Hanna Stoteman, Casey Lopez, Chris Nelligen, Luke Butler, Ray Gonzalez, Lauren Madden, Susan Scibilia

### Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Making edits to ESC Small Projects Proposal
  - a. [ESC Small Project Proposal 202122draft.docx](#)
  - b. Voting
    - i. 14 for
    - ii. 0 against
  - c. ESC Small Projects Proposal was approved
3. TCNJ Recycling and Waste Concerns
  - a. Armstrong Hall
    - i. Discussed the negative perception and misleading information of recycling
  - b. Consider distinguishing waste baskets and providing information on the bins to guide students, staff, and faculty
  - c. Implementing motion sensors in building with high electric usage
  - d. Encourage handing out reusable water bottles instead of plastic to minimize waste
4. Recycling Education
  - a. TCNJ Recycling Program Website
    - i. Contains guidelines and educational materials to encourage mindful recycling
  - b. Adding an educational components that discusses Recycling at TCNJ for First Year Students through the Community Engaged Learning Program
5. Student Projects
  - a. TCNJ Composting
    - i. Implementing different composting bins (biodigester) in popular locations
      1. Eickhoff and Student Center
  - b. TCNJ on Wheels
    - i. Campaign that advocates for bike and skateboard racks outside different academic building for students
      1. Encourage students to use sustainable transportation
  - c. TCNJ People4Plants
    - i. Pushing for the implementation of the new sustainable landscaping policy
      1. Mitigate Algae Blooms and Plant Diversity

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6. Reviewing Minutes
  - a. Approved
7. Old Business
  - a. Sustainable Landscaping Policy
    - i. Unanimous Approval
  - b. RideShare App
    - i. Officially taken down from website
    - ii. Spots will also be removed from parking lots
  - c. Logo Contest Update
    - i. Consider having a contest later in the year
      1. Targeted towards AIMM/Graphic Design Majors
  - d. Environmental Studies Major
    - i. It's in the works. Meetings are ongoing. It will be designed to be dual major-ready!
    - ii. Could be open to collaboration with public policy graduate studies
  - e. Hazelnut grove signs are ordered, and should be installed in the coming weeks.
8. New Business/Open Discussion
  - a. Encouragement for student proposals, discuss bike rack ideas with campus architects.
  - b. Next steps for sustainable landscaping policy? Lauren will look into collaborating with grounds and determine how to proceed. Invite grounds to the November or December meeting. Paul will follow up with Mike Weber.
  - c. Ben idea: design a sticker to call someone if you see college vehicles idling.
  - d. How do we educate and incentivize folks around not idling?
  - e. Rain gardens, is this a possibility on campus and/or around Ewing township.