

Environmental Sustainability Council (ESC)

Dec. 6th, 2023 1:30-2:50

Physics Building P122

Minutes

Agenda Items

- A. Approval of [Minutes](#) - Nov 1st, 2023
- B. Announcement: Sustainability Analyst - Auxiliary Services Student Worker
- C. Working group report out
- D. Discussion for next semester's topics
- E. Rory - Water bottle filling stations
- F. Sustainable Landscaping continued discussion

Attendance

SHannon Graham, Noa Mikes, Zach GElo, Rory Leadbeater, James Pan, Diane Bates, Kathleen Weber, Hanna Stutzman, Jacqueline Faulk, Enzo Whetton, Miriam Shakow, Bryan Wood, Isabella Guhl-Erdie

Notes:

B. announcement made

C. Trans- ideas for new chargers & policies, next meeting walking/biking
Comm - website looking over. Courses to help with website and messaging. Clothing swap went well. Central hub for all info instead of many urls
Several courses next semester that will work on web stuff (Comm and Eng dept)

D. Energy, Earth day, Air quality, updates on previous topics, outreach and engagement with single use and water - possibly connect with earth day (QR code next to filling stations)
Connect more with students and student governance

E. Rory L. presentation (GULLY)

Problem - single use plastic water bottles

Solution - reusable water bottles with reward system/ incentives

Product - coupon app and app that shows locations

Entering the MAYO business competition to get funding and have TCNJ implement

Presentation on ESC drive in the water bottle filling station folder

Make app engaging to help with continued use and grow use

F. Landscaping continued discussion

Update on landscaping sub-committee

- Applying for a grant for sustainable grass management - Nat. Wildlife Federation (\$7-9k)
- Had a meeting with facilities staff, discussing ideas - willing to do pilot program! And participate in training for landscaping staff. Pilot area near Green lane fields and facilities building. Set up composting - interested in for money saving aspect as well
- Next semester in CaLL there will be a few courses related to landscaping
- ReWild personnel that could advise for pilot

New ideas:

- Trainings and opportunities to get involved
 - Planting parties
- Possible uses for Carlton meadow? Possible to use for testing?
- Info for signs/ social media
 - Communications - urgent issue - conveying info
 - Eco tours
 - scavenger hunt? Student activity?
 - Manage complaints for looking ugly for a little while
 - Same with pollinator habitat
- Designate areas on campus for the different habitats / grass
- Green / sustainability ambassador, potential home in new Env. studies major
 - Part of 099