

# Environmental Sustainability Council (ESC)

October 4th, 2023 1:30-2:50

Physics Building P122

## Minutes

**Attendance:** Amanda Radosti, Shannon Graham, Paul Romano, Katie Kahn, Jaqueline Faulk, Larry Pearlstein, Miguel Hernandez-Delgado, Miriam Shakow, Kathleen Webber, Mike Weber, Enzo Whetton, Mayara Gomez, Lee Ann Riccardi, Eddie Roberts

### *Agenda Items*

- Approval of [Minutes](#) - September 6th, 2023
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Discussion

### *Old Business*

- Discussion of who we are and what we hope to achieve. Shared Governance - review of ESC charge.
- Volunteer for secretary - Katie Kahn

### *New Business*

- NJHEPS Annual Meeting (Kathleen Webber)
  - Hosted meeting at Rutgers, attendees from colleges all over NJ, plan to have another meeting in the spring
  - Place to share resources & ideas to put sustainability at the forefront of how we run our campuses and get students engaged
- Transportation Discussion and Working Group
  - EVs - electrifying the TCNJ fleet and increasing number of EV charging stations on campus
    - i. Issues with not enough chargers currently, not enough enforcement of policies around use of stations
    - ii. Could a policy class do some research to lay out options, pros/cons to create updated policy on EV charging station?
  - What we committed to in TCNJ Sustainability Plan: Greener Going Forward:
    - i. O5: Research an institutional bicycle-sharing program (2021-22)
    - ii. B3: Improve efficiency of commuting to campus (2020-21)
    - iii. B7: Build and connect bike paths (2022-23)

- AASHE Stars Credits - Transportation Category:
  - i. OP 15 Campus Fleet (1 Credit)
  - ii. OP 16 Commute Modal Split (5 Credits)
  - iii. OP 17 Support for Sustainable Transportation (1 Credit)
- What other organizations associated with the campus share an interest in this topic?
  - Tom Brennan (engineering dep't) research on safe transportation (Pennington Rd entrance)
  - Ewing Green Team
  - TCNJ Loop bus - how many students are using?
- What is the college currently doing to support lower emission transportation choices?
- What else might the college do to promote more environmentally benign transportation, including walking, biking, public transportation, as well as EVs?
- Transportation survey was administered in 2014-2015 school year and 2019-2020 - should be done again in 2024-2025
- Possible Initiatives:
  - Campus Modal Split Transportation Study (STARS Credits)
  - Safe Routes to School Federal Funding Grants
  - Electric Vehicle Charging Station Financial Pro Forma
  - Bike Storage/Locker Room Feasibility Study
  - Electric Bike Charging Stations
  - Ride Sharing/Public Transportation Chat Group/Awareness