



**Agenda for Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (11:10AM Campbell North)**

**Members of the CSFC:**

Faith Mullins '17, Chief Sustainability Officer, CSFC Chair  
Kevin Krajcir '17, Environmental Concerns Committee Chair  
Elizabeth Soo '17, Garden Club Co-President  
Lauren Long '17, Garden Club Co-President, ECC Apartments Representative  
Abby Gatmaitan '17, At-Large Student Member, ECC Secretary and Social Media  
Annie Meek '18, At-Large Student Member, ECC Veasey Hall Representative  
Kay Beth Tyson, '17, At-Large Student Member  
Dr. Courtney Hatch, Environmental Studies Department Chair  
Mr. Skip Hartsell, Director of Facilities Management  
Mr. Mike Flory, Executive Director of Culinary Services  
Mr. Jim Wiltgen, Executive Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Mr. Tom Siebenmorgen, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Invited Guests:**

Dr. Bill Tsutsui, President and Professor of History  
Dr. Marjorie Swann, Professor of English  
Dr. Joyce Hardin, Professor of Biology  
Dr. Stella Čapek, Professor of Sociology  
Mrs. Sharron Russell, Director of Operations for Academic and Administrative Buildings  
Mr. Loyd Ryan, Special Assistant for Property and Risk Management  
Ms. Holly Nelson, Assistant Director of Residence Life  
Ms. Dawn Hearne, Director of Dining Services  
Mr. Bobby Engeler-Young, Director of the Media Center  
Mr. Sam Nichols, Vice President of Technology Services and Chief Information Officer  
Peter Butler '17, President of the Student Senate  
Rev. J.J. Whitney, Interim Chaplain of the College and Associate Director of the Miller Center  
for Vocation, Ethics, and Calling

1. Welcome (Faith)
2. Introductions (All)
3. Review Agenda
4. Review Mission and Purpose of the CSFC (All)
  - a. Empower students to pursue sustainability projects
  - b. Fund sustainable projects
  - c. Bring together all people involved in sustainability on campus
  - d. Provide an open forum for sustainability concerns and suggestions
5. Report by Chair
  - a. Account balance: \$67,715



b. Review of last year

i. 2015-2016 Committee Goals:

1. Fund large initial project.
  - a. Achieved this goal through the irrigation project in the Spring. Unfortunately failed to come to a conclusion with the composting project. Hopefully we can fund a large project that is visible to students.
2. Establish awareness.
  - a. Still in progress. We are open to ideas about how to accomplish this goal!
3. Fund some smaller projects to encourage applications.
  - a. Replaced black condiment cups
  - b. A couple additional projects that did not need funding.
4. Increase Environmental Literacy and implement LEED Lab.
  - a. Not achieved yet
    - i. On LEED lab project: Turning the LEED Lab project into an odyssey credit for students. Hopefully will be on HireHendrix next semester. Last project advisor Dr. Hardin is on sabbatical, trying to find a new project advisor.
      1. Meeting with Jamie Van Morek with the green building council, telling us how other colleges have built LEED lab and how to build an advisor role without it being too much work for the advisor
      2. The LEED Lab project is basically a way for students to categorize any energy efficient building features and propose improvements so that the building could qualify for LEED certification. Includes an energy audit of at minimum past year. Funding for automatic lighting might be available. LEED does not like chalkboards, but Hendrix sure does, so we might run into an issue there.
5. Sign President's Climate Commitment
  - a. Not technically been signed yet. September 22<sup>nd</sup>. 11:15-11:30 in the burrow, the president will sign. Peter Butler will be there
6. Show students that their investment is being well spent



- a. Most students don't know what the committee is doing or that there is a \$20 fee for the fund in their tuition.
    7. Be extremely transparent and open to ideas
      - a. Achieved
    8. Bring all departments together to discuss and work on sustainability issues.
      - a. Achieved
  - ii. Funded Projects:
    1. Irrigation System Improvements: \$15,905
    2. Replacing Black Plastic Condiment Cups: \$233
      - a. Didn't happen, but changes were made and it was a good pilot study
6. Goals for the Semester (All)
  - a. Establish awareness about project applications and CSFC
    - i. First goal of the semester, brainstorming ideas
  - b. Finalize plan for food recovery project by end of semester
    - i. Skip—substantial costs involved with current pulper plan. There might be opportunities to lessen waste going into the food pulper system which could decrease costs. We will look into options this semester.
  - c. Additional goals?
    - i. Work more with ECC during environmental week which could help increase awareness of CSFC on campus.
      1. Food week is after fall break, earth week is third week of April
7. New Applications
  - a. No new applications, but we have a lot of ongoing projects that don't require any funding at the moment. Hopefully new applications at next CSFC meeting.
8. Projects Being Implemented/Working Projects:
  - a. Irrigation system (Mr. Hartsell/Mr. Siebenmorgen)
    - i. Info on the second phase: The next location has been determined but funding is still scarce as the CSFC has not pledged to continue any funding of irrigation improvements.
  - b. Food Waste Recovery (Dean Wiltgen/Mr. Flory)
    - i. Dean Wiltgen and representatives from the cafeteria met with Bethlehem house over the summer and began a plan for food recovery. The cafeteria is donating unused food from the kitchen to Bethlehem house, an estimate of 100-115lbs of food are being donated every week.
    - ii. We can use these stats to send out to students.
  - c. Food Waste Signage (Mr. Flory)



- i. Talked with Ephraim? Flory wanted to be involved with the creation of this signage. Wants to be careful and tactful about the wording of these signs!! Communicate a positive message to students.
    - ii. Is there a good way to do this tactfully?
    - iii. Further discussion at next meeting.
  - d. LEED Lab! (Abby). Discussed in Report By Chair bullet.
  - e. Recycling Competitions in Residence Halls (Abby)
    - i. The ECC residence reps are going to start this competition.
      - 1. Maintenance and marketing should help create proper labels for this competition.
  - f. Recycling Bin Improvement Plan (Mr. Hartsell)
    - i. New recycling/trash bin combo for outdoors
    - ii. New and improved labeling for all indoor recycling bins
      - 1. The new climate initiative can help with new bins and labeling.
      - 2. The CSFC fund can help pay for this project. There is a distinction between projects that wont happen without impetus from the CSFC and projects that the college will pay for anyways.
      - 3. They are looking for recycling bins with lids on them for the outdoor spaces
  - g. Rain Barrel (Mr. Hartsell)
    - i. Proposal to locate it at the p-safe building. Issue of moving water and creating a source for mosquitos to breed. Will continue exploring rain barrel option. Good location since right by garden.
  - h. Building Renovation Policy (Mr. Hartsell/Mr. Siebenmorgen) no update
  - i. Chemicals and Pesticide Policy (Lauren Long) no update
  - j. Environmental Literacy Curriculum
    - i. The learning domains are being revised by a committee, so we should start discussions now about environmental literacy. May need a student voice on this committee seeing as faculty will listen more closely to the curriculum desires of the students. Fortunately, it seems like faculty also wants environmental literacy. If we can get this in place in the curriculum, it will probably stay for a very long time.
  - k. Food Waste Reduction/Composting (Faith/Mr. Hartsell)
    - i. Big problem with current proposal is the cost. We are evaluating the option of a turnkey paid from savings proposal to fund the cost of the pulper.
- 9. Future Projects
  - a. Recycling Bins and Hand Towels for New Students



- i. Faith is taking on this project herself. Would give all new students personal projects and hand towels for new students with the goal of eventually phasing out paper towels in the res halls bathrooms.
  - b. Napkin Weights for Outside Dining. Simple solution to napkins blowing away in wind.
10. Outreach Events
  - a. Sustainability “Conference”
    - i. An interactive Sustainability Summit for students on campus 1-2 hour event. We think that a lot of students are passionate about sustainability, but there are lack of awareness or access issues.
  - b. Ideas from members:
    - i. talk about region sustainability issues for the whole US. This would help students think about how they could make positive change in their home communities regarding sustainability.
11. Other Items, Concerns, or Discussion Topics
  - a. Many staff members leave their desk lamps on in their offices. Quite a concern because so many people do that. Hard to get inside faculty offices to find the lights to turn off
  - b. Dean: likes the idea of the summit—connect with Leigh and internships to connect students and their passions. Community and Conway/wide- awareness is really great and Hendrix has the ability to affect a lot of local change.
  - c. Another item: Eco house was shut down due to significant structural and non-sustainability problems. We have a lot of possible plans for a future eco-house, will need to get students opinions in the future.
  - d. President: would love to see the CSFC use fund to help revamp the project with living learning.
    - i. Signing the Climate Commitment isn’t just a piece of paper.... We need to make sure we have a good community commitment to this plan and make sure we stay on track with this idea.
  - e. We fell short last year on reaching out to campus and educating students on the sustainability goals. We could be better at outreach and events to inform students about the possibility of getting projects funded.
12. Dismissal (next meeting is October 27<sup>th</sup>, 11:10 Bates Dining Hall)