

South Seattle College Sustainability Committee

May 24th 3-4pm | OLY 111

- I. Introductions
 - a. Odessa Woodlee will be joining the South facilities team, and the Sustainability Committee, June 6th. She has many interests in sustainability and has focused recent efforts at Central on better waste station bins and signage
 - b. Christa Colouzis will be more engaged with committee once Central's EHS person starts (end of June or August)
 - c. Amelia Nguyen attended. She is on student gov't. Sustainability was one of their focus areas this year, but they haven't been able to do much up to this point. Would like to do a waste audit in the future.
- II. Past and current sustainability initiatives
 - a. Many success stories
 - i. Auto light sensors in rooms
 - ii. Improved hazardous waste management
 - iii. Low flow toilets
 - iv. Cooking grease collected for biodiesel and other reuses
 - v. Compost at culinary
 - vi. Compost grape waste from wine making
 - vii. Water bottle refill stations (8)
 - viii. Informal EV charging station
 - ix. Recycle ceramics leftovers into bricks (need to find a use on campus)
 - b. Future opportunities
 - i. Compost at more locations
 - ii. Map or poster with water bottle refill station locations
 - iii. Reuse recycled ceramic bricks in greenbelt trail
 - iv. Partnership with Duwamish Greenbelt Trail
- III. Current state of the sustainability committee
 - a. Green Tech. committee functioned many years ago when Jill Wakefield was North's president. Went dormant for a few years
 - b. North and Central have campus sustainability committees. Some of those members serve on the District Sustainability Committee
 - c. North and Central have bylaws and established structure
 - d. There are advantages and disadvantages to becoming a fully recognized committee or council, but everyone seemed to agree that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages. Go forward with researching bylaws and process to become a recognized committee/council

- e. Membership to the committee shouldn't be driven solely by the president or other administrators. Some people need to be on the committee because of their position (Christa as EHS person), but others need to be interested in sustainability to be members
 - f. The committee, whatever form it takes, needs to be active on campus. Needs to implement projects and get things done
 - g. The committee, whatever form it takes, needs to connect to the students
- IV. 2-3 priority projects in near-term
- a. Better waste stations
 - i. committee to tour Seadrunar facility (South's recycling hauler)
 - ii. audit current waste stations and identify what is needed from SPU (i.e. posters, stickers, bins, etc.)
 - iii. Place bins, posters, and stickers in appropriate places on campus
 - iv. Run a campaign in the fall highlighting the new bins and outreach on what is compostable, recyclable, and trash
 - b. Share utility and sustainability data
 - i. We have lots of interesting sustainability data. We need to find interesting ways to share it with campus users
 - c. EV charging station
 - i. There are a couple EV charging spots on campus, but they are hard to find and not publicized
 - ii. Can we install one in a more central location? Need money. Are there grants? City has a "Drive Clean" program
 - d. Water bottle refill stations
 - i. Create map or list of locations
- V. West Duwamish Greenbelt Trail
- a. Greenbelt Trail group has several South faculty and staff as members
 - b. It is not officially tied to the college as of now
 - c. They are looking for a financial administrator for a grant to develop a master plan for the greenbelt. They are interested in South serving this role.
 - d. If interested in administering the grant, contact Adam
adam.maurer@seattlecolleges.edu
- VI. Future meetings
- a. It would be good to meet monthly
 - b. At least once over the summer to maintain momentum

Action Items

1. (Amelia) Ask students for creative ways to reuse the recycle ceramic bricks
2. (Phyllis) Schedule tour of Seadrunar facility
3. (Adam) Share sustainability data with group
4. (Everyone) Keep an eye out for grants to support EV charging stations
5. (Adam) Share North and Central committee/council bylaws with group