

South Sustainability Committee Meeting

May 24; 2:10-3:15pm RS 30

Present: Adam Maurer, Christa Colouzis, Zari Akkuly, Alison Pugh, Ross Johnson.

Notetaker: today's notes taken by Christa, we will ask for a notetaking volunteer at each meeting going forward.

Consistent Recycling Containers: Christa reported that Zari got the student government to appropriate money to buy two, 3-stream waste bins for the cafeteria! Odessa helped with selecting the bins so that they will match what is going into the new building.

Adam showed photos of the sign that Central has made to go with their recycling / compost/ garbage bins. Besides photos and words, it has actual samples of plates, cups and tableware hot-glued to the sign. Adam will get South two of these signs on a backerboard. The "Garbage" "Food and Compostables" and "Recycling" headings will be preprinted with the correct color backgrounds, then there will be space underneath to hot glue representative items (or pictures of items for the food). Christa will get Adam the width of the bins we have ordered so that the sign lines up with the bins. We intend to have the bins and the signs completely installed before Fall quarter begins.

We discussed having some "Trash talk" days, and after much discussion, decided it would be the best use of committee, student and staff time to do every lunchtime for the first 2-3 weeks of Fall quarter. Trash talk days consist of trained staff and students helping people properly sort their unwanted items in the cafeteria. Trained staff and students stand next to the waste station. After we complete Fall's trash talks, we will decide as a committee on how often and when this education should occur. In preparation, everyone who has one of the T-shirts should turn them into Christa so she can wash and iron them. (we think Alison, Liz and Monica may have the shirts?)

Ross brought the new table tents that the Brockey center will be using to encourage proper recycling and compost. Everyone thought they would be helpful and would help people in our cafeteria as well. Adam will order additional copies and Christa will work with South cafeteria employees to get these accepted into our cafeteria.

We also talked about zero waste cafeterias around the creamer carafe that Zahra and Christa bought for the cafeteria...how do other cafeterias get away from single serve creamers? Zari will talk to other school's cafeterias to find out.

With the surplus funds Christa has applied to use for additional containers, the committee felt the next most important buildings to get improved containers would be JMB, foods, RSB, UNI and OLY. If by some miracle her money goes further than that, she will ask the committee for recommendations for next up!

Web pages: Alison Pugh is working on our internal and external web pages...She has corrected the current internal page and is working on a template for the external page. She will need copy/-content from committee members. Christa volunteered to write, just give her an assignment! Alison hopes to have the external web page up for Fall quarter, the internal page is ready now....Alison suggested that we announce our recent successes in a campus-wide email and include a link to our internal page. Christa will draft this email and send to committee members for review.

Our meetings will continue over the summer, if attendance will be very low, we may have some sort of working meeting (hot glue party to work on our signs!)

The two main conference options are the AASHE~~he~~ conference October 15-18 in San Antonio Texas and WOHEsc in Portland Feb. 6-8. The college should join AASHE, membership will be about \$280, Christa will get us a membership after July 1. ~~The other conference is in Portland February 6-8.~~ Christa believes that she might be able to attend both, and that perhaps we should also send our student representative. She will talk to Monica about both conferences to see if Monica and / or some of her students can attend one or both conferences.