College Sustainability Council minutes for September 29, 2014

Members present: Allyson Moon, Jackson Lashier, Rick Cowlishaw, Shelley Isham, Trent Williams, Aidan Goodrich, and Steve Wilke

The Council spent its time discussing three questions:

1. What are we doing well?

Here the discussion lifted up the different components we have in place; Green Team, CSC, sustainability minor, Climate Action Team and Climate Action Plan. We are making good progress with recycling. Folks really like the new trash/recycle units. Having both options together is a positive.

1. What should we focus on improving?

More use of recycled paper, biodegradable plastic bags, and other renewable products, the elimination of Styrofoam, the installation of more water bottle stations, especially in dorms and other public places, increasing the use of scanners and having more academic work done on Blackboard to eliminate paper, adding ways to stop wasting paper.

1. In the upcoming fund raising campaign, what should we work to raise funds for?

We need to find a project, such as a sustainability center, to pull all the efforts of the college together, and to give an educational aspect to all our efforts. We need a way for the campaign to support student learning while at the same time supporting the sustainability efforts of the campus.

Minutes submitted by Steve Wilke