
Figure 1: Stout Student Association Logo

# Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

11:15 am White Pine Room, Memorial Student Center

50th Congress, February 11th, 2020

1. Call to Order 11:15am
2. Roll Call

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| **Feb 11th, 2020** | **Present** | **Absent** | **Excused** |
| **Director Nadeau** | x |   |   |
| **Vice Chair Leonhard** | x |   |   |
| **Senator Schwitzer** | x |   |   |
| **Mick Cash** | x |   |   |
| **Andrew Klavekoske** | x |  |  |
| **Advisor Rykal** |  |  | x |

Guests: Ethan Reed, Kelsea Goettl, Noah Edlin, Zacharious Pappas

1. Open Forum
2. Approval of the Minutes
	1. Need to approve meeting minutes for Jan 28th
	2. Feb 4th are approved
3. Unfinished Business
4. New Business
5. Earthbound (Zacharious Pappas)
	1. Excited to meet with this committee
	2. First step to work with Menomonie
	3. Actively bidding on the Menomonie and Eau Claire composting business
	4. Earthbound is a 3 year old program (fall 2015)
		1. Finished a 3 year pilot in the county of Eau Claire
		2. Commercial food waste and residential co collect
			1. Co collect consists of organics recycling and refuse
			2. Convert into compost over a 4-6 week process (That’s fast!)
			3. 1/3 of compost is used to combat food insecurity
		3. Looking to reach out to the city of Menomonie to become the first residential/commercial composter
		4. Curbside composting
			1. Engage the student body to make a composting route in the city of Menomonie
			2. Reach out to the students to see who’s interested and where they live
			3. ¼ compost bag for in doors collection
				1. Cost built into service
			4. Organics only curbside collection uses 5-gallon containers
			5. Containers will be emptied on a weekly basis
			6. Looking to start servicing within the city limits
				1. Specifically, closer to UW-Stout campus and student housing
		5. Menomonie and Stout
			1. Have been meeting with Sarah Rykal to get info on how to best approach this collaboration.
			2. Looking at Menomonie because we already have a large amount of sustainable efforts
				1. Want to continue to build on that and expand
				2. Want to collect non campus waste and divert it from the landfill
			3. Looking to work with this committee and senate on how to connect with off campus students to continue their composting efforts
			4. Create a grassroots effort within Menomonie to help with this effort
			5. Hoping to start in Menomonie by Q2 of 2020
				1. Meeting with stake holders
				2. Purchasing additional vehicles
				3. Commercial route development
				4. Looking to target 200 off campus student accounts

Signup list is available (Google form)

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				1. That’s where this committee comes in
				2. Generate ideas to reach out to students
		1. Education
			1. Just not about compost
				1. They’re educating people about the benefits of composting and how to be more sustainable
		2. Cost
			1. Residential cost $40 a quarter
	1. Questions:
		1. Suggestions for student engagement
			1. Backyard Bash and Earth Week celebration
		2. Are there any goals for expanding to on campus?
			1. Current system is choosing the lowest bid, but advanced disposal is currently more affordable for this instance
		3. Tours for students for the compost site
			1. Quite possible, best times would be during warmer months of the year
		4. Possible distribution of the form to new off campus students
		5. Current off campus students, issue of 9-month residency
			1. Currently in Eau Claire they do offer a 9-month option for off campus students
			2. During finals week, they collect compost as students move out
			3. Students can cancel and re-sign up once their back at school
			4. Open to suggestions
		6. Highly recommend having a booth at the earth fair
		7. Maybe have a living connect for signups for this service
			1. This committee will update Earthbound for their form
			2. Interested in merging the forms to create a closer relationship
		8. Host a listening session with the form to get sign up
			1. Earthbound is willing to attend and offer info
		9. Suggest reaching out to the city council and getting the word out to community members about this service.
			1. Focusing on commercial service recently, will look into that expansion
			2. Want to make sure that the route will be worth it as they are a small business and need to maintain profitability (totally understandable)
		10. Reach out to staff and faculty to see if they would participate
	2. Committee Thoughts and Reactions
		1. Maybe reach out to housing to find possible off campus housing zones that will be interested
		2. Find out the general interest of off campus students
			1. Big question is if they will want to pay for it
			2. Students may generate half of the 250 with community members filling the rest
		3. Senator Leonhard suggests that we push forward with this as off campus students may want this
		4. Talk with the Off Campus senator possibly
		5. Bring this up to EBC and get it on the table for next week’s senate meeting
		6. Reach out to Zacharious again and see if he will be available to speak at a senate meeting
		7. Senator Reed brings up the economic issues of this
			1. $160 a year is a lot of money
			2. Any way to subsidize this cost?
			3. This would be under the proposed 3 year pilot program that we discussed last week
		8. On campus location for disposal
			1. Or the location at the co-op
		9. Senator Leonhard suggests testing the waters and getting the amount of people interested in this service
			1. This will help determine if this is feasible
		10. Dir. Nadeau restates that this is the first attempt at this program
			1. If it doesn’t go through now, it doesn’t mean that it will never happen again
			2. Will go at it again from another angle
		11. 3 main groups: the co-op, staff/faculty, and students
			1. Must approach in different ways
1. Office Hours
	1. Brought up that we shouldn’t be doing office hours during committee times
		1. EBC voted and passed that
		2. Must change office hours
2. Earth Fair reservation
	1. Reserved Huff’s lounge for that time
		1. Maybe getting more signage
		2. Work with design students for a setup?
			1. Get more student involvement in the process
		3. Must remember that there is going to be a stage
			1. Where will stands go if there’s overflow?
		4. Review 2 proposed setups
			1. 2018 setup vs 2019 setup
		5. Is it possible to expand to the involvement center porch?
		6. Member Cash expresses that the design isn’t exciting enough
			1. No place to retain the students
			2. Suggests reserving a ballroom for more space and more opportunity for a “rockin’ fair”
			3. 2 levels? Make it more of an event
			4. Waste Watchers
				1. Make students accountable by having others keep an eye out for good/bad waste management practices
		7. Possible overflow into the amphitheater?
		8. Check out the space quick
			1. Discussed looking at the setup for the involvement fair if we want the involvement porch
			2. Will reach out to see if the involvement porch is available
		9. Decided on the 2019 setup for huffs lounge
			1. Will try to get the standup cocktail tables for patrons to stick around and eat/hangout
3. Event Waste Bins for the MSC Motion
	1. **Passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abs**
4. NAC Project Proposal (Noah Edlin)
	1. Designing an elevated fish tank that sits within the zoo-ology lab on a table
	2. 50in X 25in, 300 gallon tank
	3. Worked with facilities and staff
	4. Asking for the funding for construction
		1. Will be built by students and faculty
		2. Will not be bid out
		3. Will show an aquatic environment native to Dunn county
	5. Fish will be caught from the lake and returned at the end of the year or when they become too large
	6. In the case of clubs no longer existing, the system will be disassembled, and the fish will be returned to Lake Menomin
	7. Summer care: larger species will be returned to the lake while smaller species will be taken care by the advisor on the project
		1. They possess the systems required to sustain them
	8. Total cost: $3639.67
	9. Asking amount $4000.00
	10. AFS will be catching fish through trapping, hook and line, and electro fisher
	11. Moved to be tabled and handled at the next meeting
5. Recyclemania
	1. UW Stout is not doing as well as we were last year
	2. How do we fix that?
		1. Email students
		2. More training for residents
6. Earth Week
	1. Did not discuss
7. New ideas
	1. Did not discuss
8. Announcements
	1. Did not discuss
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