

Sustainable Post Campus Committee - September 28 2016 Meeting

**Next Scheduled Meetings:**

Common Hour – 12:30 pm to 1:50 pm

1. Thur. October 13, 2016 – Hunt Room, Winnick House
2. Mon October 31, 2016 – Room 109, Hillwood Commons

**Attendance September 28 2016:**

Scott Carlin, Carol Boyer, Jeff Belnap, Justin Poly, Erica Ferrara, Laura Harwell, Ashley Oliver, Lynn Minutaglio, Vic Divenere, Sarah Pomerence, David Conway, Kathy Mendall.

**LIU Post Center for Sustainability**

Dr. Jeff Kane, Academic Senior VP, approved the creation of the Center for Sustainability, as part of the LIU Post Master Plan. The application was also reviewed and recommended by Faculty Council. The launch of the Center will happen this **October**. We need to create a set of events to announce the creation of the Center and explain its purpose to the campus community.

**Center's goal:** Each student at LIU Post should graduate with a basic understanding of sustainability. The Center will work with faculty and students to develop a variety of interdisciplinary research and learning experiences to meet this goal.

Related Goals:

Increase the number of sustainability courses faculty teach.

Increase the focus on sustainability in the college core classes.

Use mentors and workshops to expand course offerings.

Develop new “pilot” classes to assess the benefits of sustainability courses.

**Possible Fall Launch Ideas:**

- \* Brown Bag Lunch events
- \* Discussion Roundtables – students and faculty sit and talk on a theme. Close by sharing each table's ideas.
- \* Tabling In Winnick
- \* Pioneer Article and/or Interview
- \* Press Release, work with PR, Kelly Waller
- \* Plant a (fruit) tree on campus
- \* Promote the importance of Student Citizenship (Adrienne Esposito – possible speaker)
- \* Discuss Dakota Pipeline issue

The Application proposal for the Center will be posted and distributed via our Listserve.

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/f8a09wqbqagc7rm/Summary\\_Carlin\\_InterdisciplinaryCenter\\_Sustainability\\_Sept\\_1\\_2016.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/f8a09wqbqagc7rm/Summary_Carlin_InterdisciplinaryCenter_Sustainability_Sept_1_2016.pdf?dl=0)

In October we need to generate and circulate a White Paper explaining the purpose of the new Center. (Specify Goals, Metrics, Progress)

### **Upcoming Events**

**Sat. Oct 15** Field Trip. to J Kings. & Local Farm.

Car Pool from campus. See Prof. Brown for more information.

**Thursday Oct 20.** Aramark - Fall Apple "Crunch" event. In 2015, Aramark donated 400 apples.

**Thursday, November 10th at 7 PM** – Tilles Event.

**Love They Nature** film.

Filmmaker Sylvie Rokab will join us for a Q&A after the film. Beautiful scenes, narrated by Liam Neeson. <http://www.lovetheynature.com>

Upcoming Regional Conferences:

**State of New York Sustainability Conference** 2016, Nov. 2 and 3. SUNY New Paltz

<https://sites.newpaltz.edu/sustainability/conference/>

**AASHE Conference**, Baltimore. Oct 9 – 12.

<http://conference.aashe.org/>

### **Other Proposed Events**

**Election Event: Climate Change & the Election (Honors Credit)**

**Common Hour – November 1**

*What is Sustainability? How does that relate to the Election?*

**Speakers:**

Prof. Vic DiVenere, Geology; Political Science; Prof. Veronika Dolar, Economics; Adrienne Esposito, CCE

**Brown Bag Luncheon Events**

- Billy Achnitz – Green Homes
- Marc Fasanella – Permaculture
- Prof. Vic DiVenere - Food & Soil
- Alumni Event – Where are our Alumni working re: Sustainability. Contact Joan Yonke, LIU Director Employer Relations
- Ellen Frank, Cities for Peace
- Matt Russo, Sustainable Purchasing

Create a Social Media Team to assist with campus wide promotion of events and raising awareness on campus.

Rebuild campus Recycling. Work with Office of Campus Life and Director Michael Berthel.

## **Needs further Development:**

### **Create a Student Sustainability Club.**

#### **New Social Media and Blogging Team:**

Peter Sacoulas, Erica Ferrara, (on Pioneer too), Ally Wise (marketing major), Ashley Oliver (Sustainability major), Laura Harwell (Sustainability minor)

#### **Create a Campus Garden**

- Small scale, high intensity garden is worth pursuing.
- *Food Production on Campus can be a Requirement for Graduation!*
- Campus Garden Plots were relocated by Facilities two years ago; this past year the program went dormant.
- (Dallas University used its Garden to fundraise and save their college.)

**Freight Farm** on Campus – Sarah researched last year; Ally provided assistance too.

Possible Fall **Farmers Market** on campus.

Work with SGA to reduce student (and faculty) use of Xeroxing paper. Some students abuse the free printing privileges in IT labs. Some faculty print too many pages of handouts.

Join an **upcoming Liberty Club** meeting: Open door policy so we can just join them and chat.

Expand the **Graduation Pledge Program**

**Fundraising:** Rotary Club; local foundations.

Work with Suzanne Farrell, Foundations, and Jared McDuffey, Director of Individual Giving

Work with the **LIU Cares** Project

**Job Resource:** [sustainablebusiness.com](http://sustainablebusiness.com)

#### **New LIU – UN partnership:**

LIU has also expanded its relationship with the United Nations through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.N. Alliance of Civilizations (AOC), an international initiative that was created to improve understanding and cooperative relations among nations and people across cultures and religions. A major focus of this partnership is Youth engagement.