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Priorities for Campus Sustainability 2011-12

By Jim Feldman
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Every year, the Campus Sustainability Council helps to set the priorities that that campus will follow in our attempt to make the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh a more sustainable place. These priorities balance the needs identified in the Campus Sustainability Plan with the constantly changing environment in which we work.

For next year, the CSC has identified the following priorities:

- Coordinating with the Department of Residence Life to infuse sustainability into their programming through “Green Room Certifications” in the residence halls, CA programming, and communication with first-year students.
- Promoting the sustainability features of **Sage Hall**, and teaching its new occupants how to best use this state-of-the-art building.
- Working with the Admissions office so that we can effectively communicate our campus commitment to sustainability to prospective students and their families.
- Making the courses that focus on sustainability more evident to students and more coordinated with each other.



These priorities will be added to the ongoing work already underway, which includes coordinating our efforts at infusing sustainability into the curriculum with general education reform; planning sustainability-related events such as the Earth Charter Community Summit in October and Earth Week and in April; working with partners in the region and across the state to deepen and broaden understanding of sustainability at multiple levels; developing transportation and waste management plans; and much more.

Members of the Campus Sustainability Council will be working on these priorities over the summer so that we can hit the ground running in the fall. As always, we encourage the active participation of all interested parties. If you would like to help or learn how you can get involved, please feel free to contact anyone on the Campus Sustainability Council.

Recyclemania 2011 – Final Results



By Dawn Dettlaff
Custodial Manager

Recyclemania, a ten-week long national campus recycling competition, wrapped up on Saturday, April 2nd, and final results were posted April 18th. UW Oshkosh **finished 14th in the Country (out of 288 colleges)** in the Grand Champion category of the competition! The Grand Champion category demonstrates the greatest achievement in both source reduction and recycling. Our cumulative recycling rate over 10 weeks of competition was **60.66%**, highest for any college in Wisconsin. Here is how others in the state ranked against us:

- **UW-Oshkosh (60.66 %)**
- UW-Platteville (39.36%)
- UW-Milwaukee (35.01%)
- Saint Norbert College (32.49 %)
- UW-River Falls (32.19 %)

It is worth noting that for pounds recycled per person, UW Oshkosh only finished 217th in the country and 9th in Wisconsin. This means that UW Oshkosh is producing far less waste, recycled or trashed, than most other colleges. Since the real goal is to reduce waste of all kinds (including recyclables), UW Oshkosh can be equally proud of its low waste production. I want to thank all the **Students, Custodial and Ground employees** who contributed to make this accomplishment possible.

U.W. Oshkosh in Guide to Green Colleges



By Michael Lizotte
Director of Sustainability

For a second year in a row, UW Oshkosh was selected for inclusion in an important new resource for college applicants: **The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges**. Developed by The Princeton Review in

partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council, The Princeton Review's *Guide to 311 Green Colleges* profiles 308 institutions of higher education in the United States and three in Canada that demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities, and career preparation. For a copy of the full report, go to:

<http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx>

U.W. Oshkosh Receives Green Power Recognition



By Steven Arndt
Director of Facilities Management
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On April 6th, the **EPA** released the names of the top 31 colleges and universities honored for their individual green power purchase among all respective schools in their athletic conferences. UW Oshkosh was recognized as **the conference champion** for the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The University used 6,468,354 kilowatt hours of green power in 2010-2011. This equates to **21.5%** of all electrical energy consumed on campus on an annual basis.

U.W. Oshkosh receives Arbor Foundation designation.



By Mark Streufert
Grounds Superintendent

On April 22, U.W. Oshkosh was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a one of 115 campuses to meet the standards for membership in the Tree Campus USA program. This program recognizes college and university campuses that:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus, and community, forestry efforts.

Tree Campus USA was created in 2008 to honor college campuses and the leaders of their surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forestry

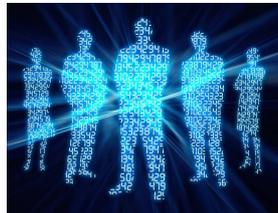
management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.

To earn Tree Campus USA recognition, a school must meet five core standards of tree care and community engagement. Those standards are: establish a campus tree advisory committee; provide evidence of a campus tree-care plan; have dedicated annual expenditures for the campus tree-care plan; hold an Arbor Day observance; and organize a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

Technology Update –Virtual Meetings

By Nick Dvoracek
Director of Learning Technologies

Two new technology tools for meeting without travel will become available over the summer through arrangements with UW System.



On-line and video conference meetings can't replace the need for face to face meetings or offer the networking opportunities available during breaks at those meetings, but very often in order to get a group's business done, a quick one hour meeting is just what's needed. For a one-hour meeting, hardly anyone is going to think "Let's all drive to Madison" is a great idea.

Illuminate Desktop Web Conferencing is a full-featured "webinar" system with features for interactive meetings including video and voice over IP, screen and presentation sharing, interactive white board, polling, chat and file sharing. Participants can access the meeting from any internet connected computer. It will be managed from inside D2L but it is available for all UW System users for class, administration, professional development or outreach. You don't need to be a UW system student or employee to participate in a meeting. If you are not an instructor with a course available we will create course shells in D2L for you to make this resource available. For a summary of features: http://www.illuminate.com/Products/Elluminate_Learning_Suite/Elluminate_Live!/?id=79/

Call Nick Dvoracek (x7363), Kerry Huberty (x2210), or Sarah Bradway (x3334) to get access to this tool.

The other new tool is actually an extension of a tool we've had available for some time. Videoconferences using dedicated systems provide high definition video and computer screen sharing. The cameras on these systems can pan and zoom. Previously for videoconferences using our dedicated (and some portable) videoconferencing systems, meetings with more than 4 sites required a \$10 per hour per connection charge from UW Extension for managing the central bridging equipment and scheduling of these conferences. The chancellors recently funded this central exchange as part of a system to reduce the need for chancellor's traveling but it will also be available for all administrative uses in UW System without charge. We have several dedicated systems at UW Oshkosh to attend these meetings (<http://idea.uwosh.edu/learningtech/de/formats/formats.html>) as well as the Chancellor's new system in the Administrative Services conference room. All UW System schools have a facility for this type of meeting. Call Rick Landvatter to plan a videoconference.

Upcoming Events

Innovations in Sustainability and Renewable Energy *Featuring dedication of the UW Oshkosh Bio digester*

May 18, 2011 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at UW Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh invites you to join us for a day of learning what sustainability and renewable energy can do for your organization and how we can help you achieve your own sustainability goals. In addition, we'll showcase UW Oshkosh's innovations in sustainability and renewable energy as well as dedicate the nation's first dry fermentation anaerobic biodigester.

Events will include:

- Bio digester dedication
- "Bio digester crash course" presented by Nadeem Afghan of BIOFerm Energy Systems
- Tours of the campus' renewable energy facilities
- Keynote luncheon address by Chancellor Richard Wells and Viessmann Corp. Chief Financial Officer Joachim Janssen
- Breakout sessions with University experts, tailored to leaders in business, local government and education