Environmental Sustainability Committee

The committee was taken off our Ad-hoc committee list and added to the standing joint committees list. It will now have 2 elected representatives with anyone else interested in the committee still being able to attend.

The fall semester got off to a slow start as our committee chair got a new job with meeting conflicts and also had some health issues. Student Government assigned a new student chair, Jessie Lee, for the group and we also advertised the committee on all 3 listserv’s. This increased our attendance which was great.

Jen Kacere, a committee member, was able to go to a sustainability conference and came back with ideas for the group. We decided to focus on one bigger event for the semester called the Waste Audit. This event involved measuring recycling waste in one academic building vs one residence hall. The event took place on April 20, 2016 during the week of Earth Day.

Recycling was still the main focus of the group for the whole year. More education on campus has been discussed to include presentations during things like orientation, and advertisements being placed around campus in the form of posters along with media advertisements on the TVs in buildings.