

SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES AT NEUMANN UNIVERSITY

CARE OF CREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCC).

The CCC advises the university president and executive council on matters relating to sustainability on the university campus.

1. Student's for Environmental Awareness (SEA) Club.
 - a. SEA Club implemented Adopt-a-Highway Program April 2009.
2. Collaboration between Neumann University and the Philadelphia Order of the Sisters of St. Francis.
3. Francis Fest activities week of Oct 4th.
4. Earth Day Fest week of April 22 (week long activities regarding the environment and sustainability).
5. Specific website link on Mission and Ministry homepage for CCC activities.
6. Conducted a survey of faculty and staff as to "sustainability" activities on campus.
7. Initiated use of "Sustainability and Catholic Higher Education Toolkit" for faculty and staff Feb. 2012.

CURRICULUM

1. Environmental Studies Minor.
2. Implementation of Care of Creation theology into classes across college curriculum (i.e. philosophy, history, theology, English, business).
3. Introduction to Environmental Studies (ENV 105) and Environmental Studies Lab (ENV 115) satisfy the objectives for a core science course.
4. Incorporation into yearly college theme.
5. List of environmental resources on CCC webpage.
6. Library purchases related to environment (ongoing)
7. Masters degree program in strategic leadership offers a one week course module on global environmental policy in Public Policy and Legal Issues (STLDR 560), a one week module on sustainability and corporate responsibility in Ethics and Social Responsibility (STLDR 540) and an optional study abroad leadership retreat in Italy with Cardinal Stritch University; participants study the life of Francis and Clare, meet with business and political leaders and tour sustainable business enterprises in the Umbria region.
8. Interaction between Red Hill Farm and environmental classes.

FACILITIES and OFFICES

1. Hands-free/automated restrooms (toilets, water in sinks, soap, paper towels) in university buildings and dorms to conserve water.
2. Co-mingled recycling of plastic, glass, and aluminum; paper/cardboard recycling includes all paper except bound books. (ongoing)
3. Hazardous and universal waste disposal two - three times an academic year.
4. Ceiling asbestos abatement in science labs, science offices and Business Office. (Dec 08)

5. Life Center HVAC Controls - expanding Alerton energy controls to the main rooftop units.
6. Installed a heat curtain at Bachmann Main Building ground floor handicap entrance to reduce heat loss in the hallway.(summer 09)
7. Automated lighting and advanced ventilation system in renovated Science and Nursing labs.
8. Mirenda Center for Sports, Spirituality and Character Development Center has Silver LEED certification. (Oct 09)
9. Planting of numerous trees with re-centering of campus.(summer 09)
10. Tray-less days standard procedure in Neumann cafeteria by SODEXHO. (Aug 09)
11. Use of "green" cleaning solutions by housekeeping.
12. Use of Fair Trade coffee, tea and other items in cafeterias.
13. Use of local fresh produce.
14. Recycling of toner and print cartridges
15. Ordering of recycled paper for copying and printing
16. Ordering of recycled products when possible.
17. Use of 2-sided copying and reuse of printed paper.
18. Buy Energy Star products to replace old ones (i.e. refrigerators, copiers)
19. Neumann Library moved to a paperless Interlibrary Loan request form. Articles are scanned and emailed to & from libraries.
20. All library documents in electronic form will now be available on BbVista.
21. Availability of BbLearn to instructors for all courses to decrease paper use.
22. Campus Ministry is using filtered water instead of bottled water.
23. Office of General Counsel has implemented a system called "Worldox" to essentially make the office digital and almost totally "paperless".
24. Office of General Counsel has instituted an environmentally-friendly clause for all new contracts and purchases. (summer 2010)
25. The Bookstore reduced the need for paper reports by archiving sales information electronically, switched to recycled bags for merchandise. purchased many articles of clothing that are either organic or made from recycled material, sells recycled paper, as well as, pens made by BIC that are made from recycled plastics or organic ink. All "dead" textbooks are either donated to charities or are recycled.
26. Turn off lights when leaving rooms.
27. Reusable water container campaign started Earth Week 2010.