

Pollinator Friendly Campus Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018 1:30-2 PM

In Attendance:

Lindsey Lyons, Assistant Director, Center for Sustainability Education

Chad Mader, Lead Arborist

Cody Rosenbarker, Sustainability Learning Coordinator, Center for Sustainability Education

Karan Shakya, Research Student with Professor Douglas

Sara Soba, Research Student with Professor Douglas

Emma Weaver, Sustainability Projects Intern

An introduction to the committee and tasks was made, and information was collected on what is already being done for pollinators on campus and what needs to be done. Names followed by * indicate action items within the overview to follow up on.

- Member Introductions
- Introduction to The Hive
 - Fall events
 - Honey harvest
 - Hive checks and mite checks/controls
 - Open House
 - Adopt-a-Bee
 - Bee lining
 - Pollinator Garden discussion/activity
 - Bee dissection
- Bee Campus USA “Pollinator Friendly Campus” (PFC) Certification
 - About
 - Furthering Dickinson as leader in sustainability
 - 1st in Pennsylvania (46 so far in US)
 - Not to mention raising awareness and health of vital pollinators, engaging the community, less toxic pest control, etc.
 - Why we need a committee
 - PFC certification requires it
 - Creating a more coordinated and informed effort to promote pollinator habitat and education across different departments on campus
- What we already do towards eventual goals:
 - Develop campus habitat plan
 - No official plan, Chad picks all the trees and Ann picks all the flowers
 - Ann, Mark, and Lindsey made a sustainable grounds policy
 - College's master plan has landscape plan

- Host events, workshops, or presentations
 - Tree tour, edible landscape tour
 - Ann's educational sessions about pollinator gardens
 - Highlight whenever Chad does an insect release
 - Right now, edible trees are treated like other trees on campus
 - Gardens are a different protocol, ask Ann*
- Sponsor service-learning projects
- Offer pollinator-focused curriculum or continuing education
 - Follow-up with Professor Douglas* about her ES courses
- Educate campus and broader community
- Annually apply for renewal of PFC certification and report on previous year

- Additions to application essay required for PFC in addition to CSE's work:

Essay question: Why is your campus interested in and prepared for applying to Bee Campus USA certification?

- Start broad in opening statement (institutional commitment), sustainability is a commitment for decades
 - Pollinator gardens at Kline, Kaufman, admissions
 - Professor Douglas, Sara, and Karan's research, USDA grant, national focus
 - Offering students opportunities to get involved
 - Chad - Lead arborist, knowledgeable about beneficial insects
 - We are seeking pollinator garden certification through Penn State Master Gardeners
- Our next steps:
 - Chad* and Ann* discuss breadth of edible tour and implications
 - Draft up our application materials and send them out for feedback
 - CSE will be rewriting the essay with the suggestions and additions above
 - Ann's application for Pollinator Garden certification
 - CSE and Ann will coordinate for pollinator garden workshop/event
 - The Hive events planned and carried out