AGENDA

Review of 2012
  – Announcements
  – Events and initiatives
  – Awards and recognition

Look forward at 2013
  – Defining goals and establishing priorities for the task force in 2013
  – Scheduled events, programs and initiatives

Academic Support
  – Faculty engagement
  – Modified curriculum, incentives and programs

Working Together
  – How can we best utilize each other as a resource
  – How can we involve the local community
  – How can we work with students

Next Steps
Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council recognizes:

Prairie State College

For achieving the bronze standard recognition level of sustainability goals in higher education as established by the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact.

12/3/12

"The public policy of the State and the duty of each person is to provide and maintain a healthful environment for the benefit of this and future generations." – Illinois Constitution, Article XI
Clear Your Clutter

One Man’s Trash is Another Man’s Treasure
Jan. 15 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Atrium

Reduce the amount of supplies PSC purchases this year by

Reusing someone else’s office supplies and

Recycling your unwanted ones.

All office supplies will be accepted.

Need to clear your clutter earlier? Drop off unwanted office supplies, in good condition, in room 2630, beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact Allessandra Cairo at acairo@prairiestate.edu or call (708) 709-3764 or visit prairiestate.edu/sustainability

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The most commonly used definition of sustainability is, “meeting the needs of today without comprising the needs of future generations.”

Sustainability encompasses a triple-bottom line approach - to be truly sustainable you must consider:

- **Economy**: At Prairie State College, we consider more than just the environment when making decisions – we look at the economic climate of the college, our students, faculty and staff. We look at the equity issues facing our local communities as well.

- **Social Equity**: Sustainability initiatives brought in $345,000 in grant dollars funding a full time sustainability professional and lighting upgrade.

- **Environment**: Energy efficiency upgrades resulted in a $65,000 annual savings.

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Review of 2012

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Review of 2012

- Received recognition as a Bronze Level College under the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact.
- Installed two electric vehicle charging stations and green parking.
- Hosted several sustainability events, engaging faculty, staff, students and the surrounding community.
- Began implementation of a strategic sustainability plan.
Defining Priorities
Defining Goals

LOOKING AHEAD

2013

what's your carbon footprint?

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A GROWING PROGRAM

• Events for 2013
  – Plugged In
  – SMHEC Student Summit
  – Earth Week

• Community Outreach
  – Community Garden
  – Collaboration with local community

• Continuing Education
  – Sustainability 101
  – Successful Gardening
  – Show Me The Money
  – Energy Demand Trainings

• Student Engagement
  – Student Club
  – Work Study

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GREEN Parking Permits Available!

Prairie State College

GREEN PARKING PERMIT 00001

35+ mpg
(Combined)

Sustainability @ PSC

Parking permits are required and can be obtained through campus police. Valid vehicle registration is required to be shown.
Join us at a Dedication Ceremony to showcase the new electric vehicle charging stations at Prairie State College

Thursday, February 7
4-6 p.m.
Christopher Art Gallery, PSC Main Campus
202 South Halsted Street | Chicago Heights, IL
RSVP by 1/30/13 to acairo@prairiestate.edu

This is a special event to highlight this initiative as well as others taking place on campus as part of PSC's strategic sustainability plan.

Attendees will watch an electric vehicle charging demonstration and be able to view the Chevy Volt.

Information on current year incentives and rebates will be available, and refreshments will be served.

Need another reason to attend? The corporate and continuing professional education department has partnered with the sustainability center to offer a series of Energy Demand Reduction trainings this spring.

Prairie State was recently selected as one of eight community colleges in the state to offer these programs, FREE of charge, to our business community! Staff will be on site to provide information on these programs, answer questions, and get you registered. We hope to see you there!
The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is pleased to announce the

2013 Student Sustainability Summit
Friday, April 12, 2013
Prairie State College
202 S. Halsted St. Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Why Should Students Attend?
• To connect with peers throughout the region.
• The cost to attend is FREE, but the information they’ll receive is INVALUABLE.
• An opportunity to make a difference with sustainability initiatives at PSC.

For more information, contact Don Brozek at dbrozek@govst.edu or 708-235-3972.
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ACADEMIC SUPPORT

• What are faculty already doing?
• How do we determine interest?
• How do we garner their support?
• How do we modify existing programs for the green economy?
• How can we best utilize each other as a resource?
• How can we involve the local community?
• How can we work with students?