

Joint Sustainability Council Annual Report F2015-W2016

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Some accomplishments this past year 2015-2016 are the following:

- Gold LEED status was obtained for the new Science wing which was completed for Fall 2015 classes.
- Old cabinets, sinks, shelves, etc. from the remodeling were sold for \$65,000.
- For scrap metal sell, we accrued \$5000.
- We obtained rebates for our LED lighting use.
- We met with Siemens Industry twice to ponder ideas to improve our sustainability and more links to curriculum.
- Over 65 native plants and trees were planted this spring in the new science wing area.
- We held 7 different events for earth day month which included weekly sustainable quotes and practices on My MCC, book exhibit, flower walk, and litter pick up.
- We switched to a new garbage company due to better services.
- A tree survey on the golf course was completed to mark trees for removal.
- Students in two courses, BIOL 104 and BIOL 110, participated in obtaining information for plant survey and pond macro-invertebrates on campus. Their data will be summarized in F2016.
- Fall 2015 we did not do nature trail tours due to construction just finishing, but did so in the spring with approximately 400 people.
- We began the initial steps to develop the MCC classified with CampusAve for college students, staff, and faculty to use as a platform for swapping or selling items.
- One new water bottle refilling fountain was added to campus near the main entrance.
- Signs for composting and recycling were placed in many places around campus.