The new Crookston Students for Sustainable Development (CSSD) web site is up and at ‘em, and has been linked from the Clubs & Orgs and Sustainability web sites by Amber Bailey. Amber has also put a permanent redirect in at: https://sites.google.com/a/crk.umn.edu/cssd/home
Student sustainability assistant and web designer, Laura Gabrielson, developed the site and will be adding more postings. See also, www.umcrookston.edu/sustainability and http://www1.crk.umn.edu/services/studentactivities/clubsorgs/

Cans for Cancer. The CSSD is assisting the Polk County Relay for Life in collecting aluminum cans to support cancer research. The idea came from a seeing a trailer parked in Fertile where supporters can drop off cans. Notice specially labeled blue bins around campus where the campus community can place aluminum cans that will transported to the drop off trailer in Fertile. No plastic bottles in these bins please.

CSSD water bottles in the mail! The CSSD students have designed a water bottle unique to the UMC campus to complement the “Hydration Station” project (There are now 5, water bottle filler/drinking fountain units on campus.). They’ve ordered a quantity to be made available free to students as part of their “Green Fee.” These are made in U.S.A. of recycled materials and have a really cool design. A limited number will be available for purchase by faculty and staff. Contact Megan Luxford at luxfo003@crk.umn.edu for more information.

Sustainability Summit scheduled. Our campus is pleased to host Jon Foley, Director of the U of MN’s Institute on the Environment, to a 1 ½ day, Sustainability Summit on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1. The goal of the meeting is to strengthen cooperative relationships on the environment and sustainability between the Institute and the Crookston Campus, U of MN Extension, AURI, the Departments of Biology and Earth Systems, Science, and Policy from UND, and the Institute for Sustainable Development in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Foley will also be presenting 2 lectures for the campus and community on sustainability themes. The visit is co-sponsored by the Crookston Students for Sustainable Development and the Center for Sustainable Development. More details will follow.

CSSD’s Sustainability Project Fund. New this year is a modest grants program coordinated by CSSD. In fall semester, a $ 300-grant was awarded to the “Clean Water for Everyone Initiative” directed by Enactus. The grant will assist the development of a drinking water project in Nigeria coordinated by Abbey Wemimo.
**Sustainability Minor work underway.** Dr. Katy Smith is chairing an effort to re-vitalize the proposal to develop a Sustainability Minor on campus. The minor would be very interdisciplinary and be patterned after the very popular Sustainability Studies minor on the Twin Cities campus. It currently has over 200 students enrolled in it and is coordinated by Beth Mercer-Taylor who will be on campus as part of Jon Foley’s contingent on April 30-May 1. All Departments are represented on Dr. Smith’s committee.

**Campus Composting for UMC?** The Delta Sigma Theta fraternity has taken the leadership to discuss the possible implementation of a campus composting project that would utilize livestock wastes and organic materials from campus Food Service. Professor Rob Proulx advising DTS and the project leader is Abby Griffin.

**System-Wide Sustainability.** Amy Short of the Minneapolis campus is the overall system coordinator for sustainability with each campus having a coordinator. Dan Svedarsky is UMC’s designated coordinator and serves on the larger System-wide Sustainability Committee along with Ben Sullivan and Linda Kingery from the Crookston campus. The System-wide Committee is co-chaired by Pam Wheelock, Vice-President of Facilities Management and Jacque Johnson, Chancellor, U of MN, Morris. Short coordinates the assembly of the annual Sustainability Report to the Board of Regents, Greenhouse Gas Inventories for all campuses, and Climate Action Plan Progress reports. See Crookston campus section in; [http://www3.crk.umn.edu/committees/sustainability/documents/sustainabilityreport_120312.pdf](http://www3.crk.umn.edu/committees/sustainability/documents/sustainabilityreport_120312.pdf)

**Crookston Sustainability Committee** has not met as a complete group this spring semester but a meeting is being organized.

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