



ASUN Year End Report

2014-2015

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Executive Platforms

This past year, we have worked on a variety of initiatives. We worked extensively on the Good Samaritan Policy, outlined more heavily in the Government Liaison Committee year-in-review, as well as the rebranding of ASUN. We were able to recreate the ASUN logo and brand with the help of the student-run organization *Jacht Club*. The new brand focuses on a more open student government. We worked on outreaching to students via more social media attention, increasing interest in events and positions, and making changes in the ASUN bylaws to provide transparency and accessibility. We also made little changes like pushing back deadlines for applications so students had more time to fill them out and making sure homecoming celebrations were inclusive and positive.

As we look to the future, it will be imperative for future administrations to find new and exciting ways to engage campus. We also hope that as the Good Samaritan Policy moves forward, the educational campaigns and focus on student alcohol safety conversations continue. Furthermore, we are excited to see an increase in transparency throughout ASUN branches.

Executive Committee Reports

Appointments Board

Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

From Committee Chair, Senator Paula Sandoval:

This year CDI consisted of two representatives: Mohammed Al Absullah - International Students Rep, Paul McGuire - Veterans Rep, and six members at large: Paula Sandoval, Edgar Reynaga, Rene aranda, Ashton Davidson, Leemah Narasti, and Bryan Brunson.

Our major focus this year was international students, and reaching out to student organizations. With a very diverse committee we were able to pinpoint and address the biggest problems international students face. So, our first semester we focused on supporting the groups of students represented by our CDI representatives and reaching out to the groups that we did not have any contact with such as the women center. Also, we were working closely to get support to improve or create a new friendly resource center for international and domestic students.

We have two big programs this year. The first one was planning and executing the third annual Friends Beyond Borders program the weekend of March 13 - 15, 2015. The Friends Beyond Borders program connects international and domestic students of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and provides a unique opportunity to experience different cultures and create new friendships. American students signed up to host an international student, and international students signed up to be hosted. Each student gave CDI some information about him or herself, including grade, major, campus involvements, and interests, and we matched them with someone with common interests. American students offered to host either one or two international students at their family home or in Lincoln. Prior to the weekend of the event, we held two full group socials. At these socials, the participants met and got to know one another. We also played icebreakers and went over guidelines and suggestions for the weekend of the event. Approximately 55 students participated in this program last year. That number decreased to 36 this year. Even know the number of contributors decreased the program was very successful and rewarding to the participants. International students spent time with American families and experienced a ton of new things. Domestic students learned about a new culture from a primary source and gained a new friend.

The second one was planning a leadership student luncheon during women's week. Our committee sat down and talk to Jan Deeds the director of Women's center and Layla Younis programming assistant at the women's center quite a few times to see if we could pair up and create a program for students or any project that we could it help. They were super excited to help us with this event during women's week on campus. So, we decided to make a leadership luncheon during women's week called as following: "Does my Student Government Represent me? Leadership Luncheon." The intention of this program was to give an opportunity to students, faculty staff, and

administrators to learn the history of the involvement of women, international students, students of color, and LGBT students in Student Government. We wanted to discuss some of the barriers that these students face, and develop strategies to make ASUN representative of all UNL students. We had four panelist and one of the members of the committee and myself were the facilitators of the discussion. It was a successful program to promote ASUN and to listen other students and faculty staff voices to improve our representation of the students.

This year was very successful for the Diversity Strategic Development Committee especially with the completion of our crowning jewel - Friends Beyond Borders. I hope to see continued expansion of CDI's communication with minority groups and programming.

Best,

Senator Paula Sandoval.

Environmental Leadership Program

2014-15

This year saw continued momentum for the Environmental Leadership Program. With 35 applications, we are continuing to see more interest in the group, and look towards its bright future.

Sustainability Roundtable

This year, ELP took full charge of the Sustainability Roundtable, which gave members relevant skills in event planning, sponsorship, and marketing that would be useful for their personal projects later in the year. Overall, the process went smoothly, and the event was a huge success.

ESC-ELP Partnerships

This year we continued to partner ELP members with ESC members based on interests. We has great pairings this year, and most ELPs were able to work on a project they were passionate about. While some ELPs were more motivated than others, we saw a high level of participation from most of the group.

Green Fund

Instead of focusing on their own group project in the Spring, ELP worked hard to support the Green Fund initiative. They all worked to contact groups and classes they were involved in, and helped get the word out on election day. By not having a large project of their own, they were able to focus more on their personal projects, which made a noticable difference for many ESC members.

Freshman Campus Leadership Associates

From FCLA Co-Directors, Spencer Creal and Cassie Irwin:

The 2014-2015 FCLA'ers successfully accomplished the committee's goals of developing our 20 members as campus leaders, helping them become more educated about student government, individual empowerment via committee work and individual projects and learning about opportunities to get involved on campus. Our officers elected at the beginning of the year were a secretary, treasurer, social co-chairs, historian and a merchandise chair.

We had four committees that members were assigned to:

The Philanthropy Committee organized several opportunities to volunteer in the Lincoln community. We assisted young students with homework at Everett Community Center and plan to volunteer at the LPS elementary carnival at the end of April.

The ASUN Liaison Committee was responsible for attending each senate meeting to give a report on it at our next meeting or post minutes to our Facebook page.

The Leadership Committee was responsible for planning bonding activities at our retreats. They also ran two meetings where we personal growth activities, i.e. the "values showdown" and other games to get to know each other better.

The RSO Committee was primarily responsible for bringing in groups to each meeting to speak about what they do. We had Honors Ambassadors, Student Advisory Boards, Students Together Against Cancer, Russian and Spanish Club, and Phi Beta Lambda among others.

FCLA's main responsibility is organizing the Homecoming Parade. We have elected positions and are about to begin planning the logistics of it. We are relying heavily on the members of FCLA from last year to pass on their knowledge of responsibilities since selection occurred after the parade.

Other duties that FCLA completed throughout the year were serving on the monthly Parking appeals committee. We also set up SCLA buddies and invited them to our fall retreat as a way to pass along their knowledge. We completed "Most Likely To" superlatives and an end of the year slideshow to share at our last meeting. Each member was required to spend one office hour in the ASUN office every week as well as attend two senate meetings each semester.

We had a fall retreat at Jacob Lambert's house on a Friday evening. We participated in "Boundary Breaking" and our group really benefitted from getting to know each other on a deeper level at an early point in the year. In the spring, we went to Connor Blankenau's house in Lincoln and spent Saturday night playing more get-to-know you games and hung out. We all spent the night in his basement and came back early the next morning.

Each member was required to complete an individual/group project. Projects are as follows:

Alec, Shelby, and Emma – Shake it Off UNL – During ESC’s Earthstock, stickers will be distributed on paper towel dispenser to raise awareness about overusing paper towels.

Tanner – Project 30 Miles – Students were encouraged to write down responses on a giant board that asked the question: How Many of These Could Be About You? Buttons were distributed to raise awareness about suicide and depression.

Connor – Will hold a seasonal decorating contest next year.

Janae, Marcella, Amber, and Tiara – Gussy Down UNL – Encouraged students to not wear makeup for a day to emphasize the importance of natural beauty. Buttons were distributed to participating students.

Olivia – The F Word – Introducing the true definition of feminism by raising awareness through an event and speakers.

Sophie and Calen – Dodge for Dimes – Will hold a dodge ball tournament to support the March of Dimes.

Joe – Worked with dining hall services to adapt a new meal plan for students living off campus.

Jacob and Sam – Purple Thumbs for Polio Awareness - This is a project with a goal to raise awareness about Polio. Many people think it is an extinct disease, but the truth is that Polio still exists in other parts of the world.

Laurel and Evan – Will be holding an event to support the American Heart Association by working with the UNL Athletic Department. The even will be held next year during a UNL sports event.

Alan, Claire, and Admir – Sexual Abuse Awareness Petition - Posting information concerning sexual misconduct and abuse within residence halls to inform the student body of resources that they could seek for help concerning those topics.

Respectfully,

FCLA Co-Directors, Spencer Creal and Cassie Irwin

Government Liaison Committee

From Committee Chair Erin Cooper,

This year GLC was made up of ten members. Joslyn Maenner, Audrey Beedle, Chris Moore, Billy Stock, Robert Harvey, Nick Devine, Brock Thompson, Alex Wirth, Christina Guthmann, and Stetson Heirig.

This year was extremely busy for the Government Liaison Committee as we tackled new projects, events, and a long legislative session.

This year UNL received a grant to pilot a voter registration program, TurboVote. GLC teamed up with the Center for Civic Engagement to lead this pilot program. Members hosted booths on the plaza and inside the city Union to register students, we added links to the website on the Center's Page, we involved the Daily Nebraskan to get coverage of the purpose of the program, and we hosted events where we could register students. The program itself is formatted as a website where UNL students will be able to register for the first time (for free, postage is covered), or simply upload their information if they are already registered. Students are able to sign up for updates on upcoming elections, are able to request an absentee ballot, and are able to change any information they wish, such as their address or party affiliation, all online. By the end of the first semester, we were ranked 4th in the country in term of students registered. Though we no longer will have a grant to cover the cost of the program, UNL will continue to use TurboVote next year.

Another new project was the It's on Us Campaign. Members of GLC (Chris Moore, Joslyn Maenner, and Audrey Beedle) teamed up with the Campus Life and Safety Committee to brainstorm events and ways to implement the campaign on the UNL campus. Hopefully this campaign will continue for years to come.

We hosted a number of new events this year. Firstly, the Nebraska Collegiate Alcohol Forum. GLC was able to help with this ASUN event this year, it's first year of existence. This event brought students from various Nebraska colleges and universities to discuss alcohol issues on each campus. We had a professional panel, breakout sessions, and a teleconference. This event was highly beneficial and informational, and this year helped springboard the Good Samaritan Policy. In future years, this event may help student

leaders collaborate to figure out how to address alcohol issues on campuses through education.

In addition, GLC also hosted a forum where three out of four candidates for Nebraska Senate were able to attend and address student issues. GLC worked with the Daily Nebraskan as well as the Center for Civic Engagement to promote this event. This was the first time an open candidate forum has been hosted on the UNL campus in quite a few years. This was an amazing opportunity and really highlights our fall semester goals of informing and engaging students with the leaders of Nebraska. It is our hope that in the future, politicians will feel it necessary to engage students before elections and GLC will be able to hold multiple forums or debates.

GLC also continued to hold traditional events. This year marked the 13th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th. The Government Liaison Committee hosted a candlelight vigil and memorial service. This event has occurred each year since the attacks. GLC celebrated Constitution Day with a fun event on the plaza. Members dressed up in traditional colonial attire, handed out patriotic beads and other trinkets, and interacted with students using fun constitution facts. This year for Veterans Day, we had a box where students could write letters to veterans. We also have now built a relationship with the student veterans, which we have never had before, so that moving forward there can be a strong collaboration with the student veterans on events such as this. We also had events for National Voter Registration Day and an event to celebrate Midterm Elections. To celebrate the midterm elections we had a photobooth, "i voted stickers", candy, popcorn, and other trinkets to give to students. We really wanted to celebrate the right to vote, inform students about midterm elections.

At the Nebraska capitol, GLC took a stand on many issues that could affect students. GLC, both this year and last year, played a large role in the creation of the Good Samaritan Policy that was introduced this year at the NE legislature. GLC has lobbied on behalf of the bill, talked to senators, attended hearings, etc. The bill will go through final reading this week then will be presented to the governor to sign.

Additionally, GLC introduced a bill of support to end discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, etc., supported the Tax Free Textbook bill this year by going to the committee hearing and testifying on behalf of the bill, and supporting ridesharing in NE as a point of options for students to get home safely from wherever they are by sending emails to members, testifying, and talking to senators. GLC supported increased regulations of party busses as ASUN fought for better alcohol safety policy. In light of recent events involving students, GLC believed that increased regulation could

improve student safety GLC also opposed voter ID regulations. We sent emails to senators, testified against the bill, met with senators, and lobbied against the bill while it was on the floor.

GLC will continue to be involved in the bills that affect the University of Nebraska budget. We will also be planning the ASUN trip to Washington D.C. this April. ASUN representatives will join student leaders from every Big Ten school in D.C. where they will collaborate on resolutions regarding federal issues that affect students. Our delegates will also meet with our Nebraska representatives. Additionally, GLC and ASUN, along with a number of other sponsors, will be hosting Senator Deb Fischer who will be coming to the UNL campus to talk to students and discuss foreign policy. This is an amazing opportunity for students to be involved and engaged with our state representative.

This year we have accomplished many things in the hopes that in future years the Government Liaison Committee can be just as successful in engaging students and senators alike to work towards the best possible solutions in issues that involve our University.

Respectfully,

Senator Erin Cooper

Graduate Student Committee

The graduate committee was formed last session to reach out to graduate students and bring graduate “centered” legislation directly to ASUN. The 2014-2015 Graduate Committee was committed to representing the post-baccalaureate population at UNL through collaboration with the University of Nebraska—Lincoln (UNL) administration, faculty, ASUN committees, the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and student leaders. This year’s graduate committee contributed to the planning of the 2nd Annual Midwest Scientific Research career fair in collaboration with the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Creighton University. We also put forth legislation to ensure incoming graduate students are provided with grievance policy information. Our committee members were very productive, bringing new legislation on their personal projects and collaborating with other ASUN committees and the GSA. Looking forward, we hope this committee continues to build communication with the Graduate College Administration and demonstrate graduate senator’s commitment to representing graduate students campus-wide.

Campus Life and Safety Committee

From Committee Chairs Castner and Owens

At the beginning of our term the committee was split up into two different committees. In September the Senate body voted to combine the Student Alcohol Safety Committee and the Campus Life Committee to form the Campus Life and Safety Committee. Before the merger the Student Alcohol Safety Committee was involved in passing a bill that condemned the presence of the company “I’m Schmaked” on campus during the weekend of the Miami football game. “I’m Schaked” is known to make video that showcase students binge drinking and objectifying women.

Once the two committees were merged we started with a clean slate. One of the main focuses was helping spread the word of It’s On Us and their message on campus. In October we passed a piece of legislation that allowed us to do that. We then had booths on campus that allowed students to take the pledge and raise awareness for the cause to end domestic violence on campus. Then in February we worked with Prevent to create an It’s On Us video. Once we created the script we were then able to work with Husker Vision to film the video. With the time of filming we were unable to see work completed while we were in office but the video should be done within a couple of weeks of us stepping down from our positions. We are excited too see the end product and know that it will be an effective strategy in helping us spread the message of It’s On Us.

Much of the work done in the final months of the term was done with many of the FCLA members. The first bill that was brought to us was the Suicide Awareness Bill. They were able to have a booth in the Union Square where students were able to write on a board encouraging words. By looking at different social media outlets we were able to see that we accomplished our goal to reach out to many different students on the issue.

There were three other bills that we worked on with FLCA students. They were looking into a new meal plan for students not living in the dorms, Polio eradication, and a Dodge for Dimes event. We were able to pass the bills and we feel that they will be effective in reaching the goals that the FCLA members set out to reach. Unfortunately the events are after we leave our office so we are unable to see these events to completion.

Respectfully,

Senators Luke Castner and Devin Owens

Academic Committee

From Committee Chair, Senator Christopher Davidson:

The 2014-2015 ASUN Academic Committee explored many different ideas this year. One such idea was the implementation of a mandatory mid-course evaluation for all classes. This evaluation would allow for professors and teaching assistants to receive feedback from their students on their teaching at the beginning of the semester and make respective adjustments. Unfortunately, this policy was not implemented, but we hope that the idea is explored in the next term.

We also explored the idea of creating an iClicker sharing program for students. This program would allow for students to rent an iClicker from ASUN for the semester at no charge to them. A resolution was passed to explore this idea further, but we did not have sufficient time to complete the logistics of the program. Again, we hope that this idea is further explored during the next year.

Respectfully,

Senator Christopher Davidson

Technology Fee Committee

From Committee Chair, Tommy Olson:

During the 2014-2015 year, the Technology Fee Committee, formerly the Academic Fees Advisory Committee, consisted of five at-large members, one senator, the ASUN advisor, the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, and the Director of Information Technology Services. First, the Committee reviewed how student technology fees were used throughout the 2013-2014 school year. The technology fee is allocated to colleges based on their size as well as money going to Information Technology Services and the Libraries. After reviewing these allocations and finding them in compliance with the constraints of the technology fee, we began looking forward and exploring how efficiently the money was being used and the pressure that was being applied to the fee due to the ever-increasing need for technology on campus.

Last year's expenditures were substantial to the point that the committee elected not to approve any projects for the coming year, and instead use the money to continue existing projects and to continue supporting the colleges and Information Technology Services in their technological endeavors. Through much deliberation, and with the help of the Committee advisors and the Office of Academic Affairs, the committee suggested

the fee be increased to \$11.00 a credit hour up to 15 credit hours per semester. In a tight vote, and after a great deal of debate, the increase was passed through the ASUN Senate and sent to the Board of Regents. The Committee believes this increase will help the University continue to keep the technology up-to-date as well as invest in new technologies to bring the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the next level technologically.

The extensive debate and the initial hesitation of the senate to raise the fee showed that there was a large amount of uncertainty about the fee; outside of the seven sitting on the committee, the majority of students don't know how the money they're paying is being used. As it's the duty of the committee to see that these fees are being used responsibly, they have elected, for the first time, to take on a project of their own. Plans have been laid to create a website to fully publicize how student fees are being spent. The site will first feature the money spent from the technology fee, but the committee also looks to cooperate with other fee users to incorporate their expenditures as well. The committee hopes it will become a powerful tool for students to provide greater feedback for their money and to better connect with all the advantages that the fee can provide.

Respectfully,

Committee Chair, Tommy Olson

Committee for Fees Allocation

From the Committee Chair, Senator Jared McKeever:

The Committee for Fees Allocation began our year early in the fall semester by doing our annual tours of all fee users. We were able to meet up with all nine fee users and get a direction on where they were going and what goods and services they provided for the students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After winter break CFA started crunching the numbers on all Fund A fee users. All of the Fund A fee users budgets were approved except the *DailyER Nebraskan's*. It was questioned whether or not they were a vital role to the University. As the appropriation bills were voted on at the senate floor, the appropriation for the *DailyER Nebraskan* was amended to the amount they had asked for.

As we moved on to Fund B, Transit Services was the main topic of discussion. Transit eliminated a perimeter parking service and asked the Chancellor for funding for the Innovation Campus Bus Routes. These routes will include two busses from City to Innovation Campus and one bus from East to Innovation Campus. After much discussion it was decided by CFA and then approved by the Senate to not pay for an additional amount, not funded by the other sources. Also in the Fund B discussion was the splitting of the Health Center's budget and Counseling and Physiological Service's budget. We were also informed that Campus Recreation with this year's fee increase would be the final installment of the Yes to Better Recs campaign.

Finally after long nights and what seemed like endless votes CFA came to a slow end. After it was all said and done CFA was able to justify allocating around \$24 million in student fees.

Respectfully,

Jared McKeever
Committee Chair

Communications Committee

Environmental Sustainability Committee End of Year Report 2014-2015

Lincoln Bike Share

ESC Member: Thien Chau

ESC continued our partnership with the city and University to advance the bike share program here in Lincoln. We assisted in hosting events and open public commenting sessions in order to help the City of Lincoln's Planning Department develop a strong proposal to the Nebraska Department of Roads and potential private and nonprofit partners. A resolution was passed in the ASUN Senate to support the implementation of a bike share program in Lincoln. The resolution was included in the city's request for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from the Department of Roads and the application was accepted late March. ESC will continue to work with the University and City on this initiative to ensure that bike share in Lincoln keeps the interests of the student body in mind.

Daily Nebraskan Sustainability Reporter

ESC Member: Thien Chau

The Daily Nebraskan is also discussing how to structure a Sustainability Reporter for the DN. We have provided the DN contact information for key players in Sustainability at UNL such as the Sustainability Director, Prabhakar Shreshtha and Clark Devries from Facilities. ESC hopes to help the DN develop a strong relationship with the University Departments to highlight the fantastic work in Sustainability now and in the future.

Greeks Going Green

ESC Member: Morgan Battes

My individual project this year involved engaging the Greek system on UNL's campus in sustainability issues in order to foster a more knowledgeable student population and environmentally friendly campus. This project began by identifying volunteer representatives in each Greek organization who demonstrate an interest in or passion for sustainability. The chapter houses were initially evaluated on areas such as waste and recycling, and energy and water usage. The results have been used to increase sustainability efforts within the chapters by providing them with resources to educate members and encourage sustainable actions. ESC was able to provide eight seven gallon recycling bins to each chapter as well as 140 personalized stickers encouraging members to turn lights off when leaving rooms. A point system was developed from the review results, based on programs already in place in the houses and those implemented through the project, providing a competitive drive in the Greek system, while encouraging chapters to compare against their own baselines and make strides to continuously improve. 23 of the 29 housed Greek organizations on campus currently have a representative from their chapter involved with the project. Goals for the future of this project include involving the remaining chapters, including those with houses and those without, as well as providing streamlined educational resources to chapters to share with their members.

UNL Unplugged (Campus Conservation Nationals)

ESC Member: Brooks Ronspies

This year my individual project was UNL Unplugged. It was the second year of the project so we made some changes and but kept most of the original structure the same. The projects goals remained the same, to educate students about living more sustainably and to reduce UNL's carbon footprint. The event itself is a three week competition between nine residence halls, to reduce energy usage. We promoted the

event traditional ways through posters, table tents, and holding booth's in dining halls. We used the posters and tents to promote what the event was, how students can track the event, and give them information about the events we we're holding. The two events we held this year we're a dodgeball night and a game night. The goals of these two events were to create excitement for the entire competition and give students a chance to stop using energy in their dorm room and come do something fun. Our other main activities during the event were our dining hall booth's and whiteboards. The dining halls get a heavy amount of traffic, so we use them as a place to hand out educational materials about living more sustainably and update the percent reductions daily.

The competition lasted from February 25th to March 17th. The results for this year were as follows, 1st Abel 8.6% reduction, 2nd Neihardt 7.9% Reduction, 3rd Sandoz 5.2% reduction, 4th Selleck 3.1% reduction, 5th Pound 2.9% reduction, 6th Schramm 1.6% reduction, 7th Smith 1.2% reduction, 8th Harper 0.3% reduction, and 9th Burr/Fedde/Love 3.6% increase. As a whole they reduced 127,377 kWh of electricity which is worth about \$10,000 in Nebraska. The large reduction this year showed dorms that are more cohesive like Abel and Neihardt do well with competitions and can make changes easier because there is more social pressure. This year also showed more favorable weather patterns which will make UNL more competitive in this years Big Ten Unplugged Competition. The other schools competing in the competition are Penn State, Illinois, Michigan State, Ohio State, and Minnesota. Results for that competition will be determined in mid April.

Green Reps

ESC Member: Jose Flores

Eco-Reps is ready to go for full-fledged support of Earthstock, thus far 3 HSS residents have been recruited. It has been resolved for this year reps will be employed by the university under the office of sustainability. Currently we are still researching and looking into more methods to engage HSS students, as none of the other Universities contacted have a program that is set up the way that ours is.

Networking

ESC Member: Matt Lenz

Personal project this year was trying to develop a sustainability network with schools around Nebraska. The goal was to hopefully get students and faculty members at all of these schools collaborating together on projects and sharing ideas, in ways that would

allow all of us to help each other. The project remains incomplete however. Schools were contacted, and a name and basic gameplan were laid out, with ideas for a listserv, website, and possible annual conference in coming years.

Meatless Mondays

ESC Member: Hannah Evans

Hannah Evans tried to pass a bill that would fund the printing of table tents that provide information about the meat industry in Nebraska and Meatless Monday. The bill did not pass. Since then, she made a different table tent and bill, but was advised to not take further action. I will either attempt to pass this bill or have a meeting with the the heads of the various agriculture groups before the end of the year. She is creating an informative Facebook page that provides information about meat and the environment.

Sustainable Food Sources

ESC Member: Melissa Peterson

This Good. Fresh. Local. promotion project focused on working with University Dining to educate students about the school's use of local foods. A survey was conducted to gauge students' knowledge of the local food program and in an attempt to address any misconceptions students currently hold about the local program. In progress work: a table tent to inform students about GFL, phone calls/emails to GFL producers to get biographic information to display on GFL website, and possible Earthstock event promoting local producers.

Green Guide to Lincoln

ESC Member: Carlos Valesco

This is publication that deals with how to live an environmentally friendly and sustainable lifestyle on and off campus in Lincoln. The content in the book and design language is to reflect the minimalistic flat style introduced in the recent ESC / Green UNL / Earthstock material that is bold, graphically engaging and simple to read. The content will focus on a variety of aspects from How to live sustainably on campus, off campus, tips for living sustainably around Lincoln for both students, faculty, etc. There is also a huge component that is also based around the idea of living sustainably in Lincoln. After looking at confusing data that is presented in resources like Lincoln Green By Design, simple maps, the use of semiotics and friendly engaging design and content is the focus in the guide. It will no longer be difficult to find the nearest recycle center or the nearest place to find salvaged material. The guide is also one that can help to promote local businesses that promote sustainability by having the online edition of the

guide feature live interactive ads, this is essentially a simple and inexpensive way for businesses to promote themselves. The Green Guide is complete and is awaiting distribution.

Energy Conservation Display

ESC Member: Ben Heusinkvelt

I will be teaming up with Heidi in making displays and models for the dorms. Specifically I will be doing an energy conservation model. I'll have poster displays and different facts about what students can do in specific dorms to conserve energy. The energy conservation display is almost complete. Some infographics are being finalized. It will be displayed at Bike Fest in April and at the Earthstock block party.

Water Conservation Display

ESC Member: Heidi Wesley

Create a visual representation of water usage that will convey impact of water waste. Display project at Earthstock, RHA meetings, greek houses, residence halls, elementary schools, etc. It will be big, 3D and really cool. It'll be a great way to use the "shock factor" to get people to understand their impact of their individual choices regarding water usage and water waste. Water waste display is currently under construction. Materials were under budget. Will be displayed during the last two weeks of Earthstock outside of the union during various events. Looking into displaying it at residence halls after Earthstock.

Styrofoam Free UNL

ESC Member: Seamus Mulcahy

Foam Free UNL has garnered over 400 signatures from UNL students. Numerous student organizations, including ASUN, have also signed the pledge. Seamus plans to continue outreach until the end of the semester, with the possibility that the work will continue in the fall.

Earthstock 2015

ESC Members: Nick Gerken, Hannah Christianson

This year saw the return of the hugely popular Earthstock. We worked to broaden the impact and appeal of the event by partnering with other organizations to add programming to the month-long calendar. The Women's Center, LGBTQA Resource Center, Sustain UNL and others signed on to be a part of Earthstock. While a full calendar can be seen in the appendix, some highlights this year are the return of the Earthstock Music Festival, which we moved to the Bourbon to allow for more people, and the Earthstock block party. This year's event also enjoyed the support of numerous sponsors including CASNR, College of Arts and Sciences, the Residence Hall Association and UPC.

Sustainability Roundtable

ESC Coordinator: Reed Brodersen

We held our fourth annual Sustainability Roundtable in the fall, with an attendance of over 150 students. We had discussions focusing on climate change, urban agriculture, environmental activism, energy, and transportation. Speakers included students, faculty, City of Lincoln Planners and Nebraska Senator Ken Haar.

Climate Change info Event

ESC Coordinator: Reed Brodersen

In September, in anticipation for the release of the UNL climate change report, ESC put together an informational display that we showcased on the union plaza. We partnered with a few student organizations for the event. We also promoted student attendance at the associated climate change lecture the following day.

Sustainable Landscaping Policy

ESC Member: Lyle Douglas

Lyle worked with Landscape services to get a larger conversation going around creating a tree replacement policy on campus. His close contact with Landscape services is finalizing a tree replacement policy that will go in front of the board of regents in the fall for final approval.

Green Fund

ESC Coordinator: Reed Brodersen

This year, ESC decided to move forward with the student green fund concept by surveying students through a ballot question. The Green Fund would work to support sustainability initiatives campus wide through a small increase in student fees. ESC worked to educate students about the green fund, answer questions, and turn out students to vote. Through our comprehensive outreach, we talked to over 80 student groups, greek houses and classes. The Green Fund question was overwhelming supported with 78% approval. With such strong support, we plan to move forward next year on proposing the necessary bylaw changes that would set up the infrastructure for the fee increase, and bring the increase to a vote in the spring.

Retreats

This year, ESC and ELP had both a Fall and Spring retreat, both hosted at Camp Carrol Joy Holling. They facilitated both large and small group work time, group bonding and strengthening of group identities. This was the first year two overnight retreats were held, and we are considering going back to having only one retreat a year for cost reasons.

Student Services Committee

From Committee Chair, Senator Spencer Hartman:

Members: Matt Smoot

Student Organizations

This term, the student services committee approved the constitutions for 53 new student organizations ranging from UNL chapters of Greek Organizations, international religious focus and support groups, sports organizations, residence hall councils, and many others. We also reviewed and approved 27 revised constitutions from various RSOs.

In addition to approving new groups, the committee has been working with Student Involvement to better connect RSO's with the resources available for them and improve communications with RSOs about remaining in compliance. We sponsored a Bylaw revision to synchronize the RSOs into three groups for the time of year officers are elected and the renewal process must happen.

Bylaws and Legislation

Throughout the term, the committee has facilitated numerous changes to ASUN bylaws including cleaning many outdated sections, adding new sections to clarify existing practices, grouping RSO renewal periods to remain in compliance, and increasing the number of slots to fill on FCLA.

Respectfully,
Senator Spencer Hartman, Committee Chair

ASUN Sponsored Initiatives

TedXU

TedX was not hosted this year and conversations between the current administration and the incoming group will be had on whether or not this is something ASUN wishes to pursue. The budget line for TedX was decreased to \$0 this year.

The Big Event

The Big Event is one day of service to say "Thank You!" to Lincoln. The event to be held on April 18, 2015 has thus far reached these statistics:

104 Community Organizations

141 Public Residences

1871 volunteers registered (projected 2800-3000)

\$20,000 donations from on campus and community organizations and businesses

Improvements: The recruitment utilized new, creative efforts to reach more students via social media and in person interactions. This includes runza coupons to past participants and large trailer events on the Union Plaza rather than booths. Sponsorship was able to generate more funds to give other departments of the team more funds to create a better event. Marketing reached students in new ways including TBE confetti at basketball games and a Twitter scavenger hunt. PRs and COs utilized flyers at pharmacies to generate even more awareness in the community and gather more job sites than any other year.

475-RIDE

In the 2013-2014 Academic Year:

Rides Given:	3243
Avg. Rides per Month:	360
Total Cost:	\$ 35,426.83
Avg. Cost per Month:	\$3,936

In the 2014-2015 Academic year, through March 14:

Rides Given:	2894
Avg. Rides per Month:	385
Total Cost:	\$ 31,253.27
Avg. Cost per Month:	\$ 4,167.10

Student Legal Services (SLS)

Over the 2013-2014 school year, SLS managed to close 1,201 cases, a 36 case (or 3%) increase from the previous year. Over the last year, SLS has also participated in many programs including New Graduate Student Welcome Fair, Big Red Welcome, the

“Allow Me to Introduce Myself” Program, and the ASUN Student Alcohol Safety Committee Booth.

Student Money Management Center (SMMC)

The Student Money Management Center began the year with a new director, Megan Scherling. The Center continues to provide financial guidance for students and looks for new ways to reach out to the growing student population.

Readership Program

The College Readership Program healthfully survives after discussion of possible cuts last year. The program is the third most popular in the nation, and #2 among Big Ten Universities. There are 40 distribution locations across campus, which delivers four issues of newspapers to our students, daily. Over the summer, papers are still available at 12 locations, with weekend availability of just OWH and LJS at 8 locations. In January of 2010, we began delivering to all Greek Houses. With the contract set to expire in 2014, this is something next year’s administration will need to address.

Per Paper Costs for all Four Publications:

- LJS: \$0.40/copy (M-F), \$0.50/copy (Sat), \$0.74/copy (Sun)
- OWH: \$0.35/copy (M-F), \$0.45/copy (Sat), \$0.75/copy (Sun)
- USA Today: \$0.50/copy (M-F)
- NYT: \$0.70/copy(M-F)

Average Daily Use:

- LJS: 755(M-F), 76(Sat), 108(Sun)
- OWH: 626(M-F), 65(Sat), 90(Sun)
- USA: 770(M-F)
- NYT: 393(M-F)

Actual cost for the 2014-2015 program (August-Feb) was \$141,749. This includes weekend papers. \$4,485 of that was for weekend papers. This same budget will be used for 2015-2016.

Average Daily Use:

- LJS: 699(M-F), 87(Sat & Sun)
 - OWH: 509(M-F), 72(Sat & Sun)
 - USA: 653(M-F)
 - NYT: 337(M-F)
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Special Projects

Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS)

ASUN hosted the fall ABTS conference here at UNL where we joined 13 of our 14 counterparts from the Big Ten. Delegates from across the country thoroughly enjoyed the time spent on campus and raved about their overall experience.

The winter ABTS conference was hosted by Northwestern and ASUN sent 6 delegates at the beginning of the Spring Semester. There topics ranging from Sexual Assault prevention to Open-Sourced Textbooks were discussed and ASUN delegates came back with a wide range of ideas to implement on our own campus.