



**ASUN Year End Report**

**2013-2014**

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## **Executive Platforms**

### **Sustainability (Do It In The Dark)**

This year, we were able to do a good amount of background work on the initiative, “Do It In The Dark”. This initiative was to be a joint effort between Campus Housing (RHA) and the Greek System in developing a competition around resource savings per living unit. The initiative was showcased in ESC’s work this year, but more set-up needed to be done to have a full program. This will hopefully be accomplished this coming year.

### **Nebraska College Preparatory Academy (NCPA) Expansion**

Our team was stagnant with this program as the associated costs became more visible and seemingly unreachable in expanding this program’s efforts to the South Omaha region of Nebraska. After speaking further with the Office of Admissions, a reasonable alternative was developed. From this year forward, those students associated with this program will be brought through for an orientation in student government each summer before their freshman year. This will allow us to educate these students, and hopefully gain their involvement in their college career.

### **RSO Communication**

This year, we have seen the increase of 60+ Registered student Organizations (RSOs) and have helped amend the constitutions of many others. The Student Services Committee has also successfully ran SORC (Student Organization Resource Council) for both the Fall and Spring semesters, allowing for an increased involvement and communication with RSOs on campus.

**Executive Committee Reports**  
**Appointments Board**

## **Diversity Strategic Development Committee**

From Committee Chair, Senator Mary Pistillo:

This year DSDC consisted of four representatives: Aakriti Agrawal - International Students Rep, Johnny Jiang - Veterans Rep, Jordan Anderson - Racial Affairs Rep, and Annie Himes - Women Students Rep and five members at large: Mary Pistillo, April Zhang, Kate Kollars, Zach Franzen, and Kaitlin Coziahr.

First semester we focused on supporting the groups of students represented by our DSDC representatives and reaching out to the groups that we did not have any contact with.

We drafted two bills in support of the International Food Bazaar, which took place on November 15, 2013, and the SOCCAC Alumni of Color Career Forum, which took place on November 11, 2013. The bills were passed through ASUN Senate to continue the support and enhancement of diversity on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Senator Himes worked as Women Students Rep to coordinate with the UNL Women's Center to get Prevent - a UNL student organization that works to end relationship violence and acquaintance rape through peer education - to present to ASUN Senate which they did later during the spring semester.

Zach Franzen also sat down with Spectrum - a student organization dedicated to the promotion and wellness of all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and allied students and staff - and laid down the foundation for communication this year. We have promoted many of their events throughout this academic year.

Our major focus this year was international students. With two international students on DSDC - April and Aakriti - we were able to pinpoint and address the biggest problems international students face. We first set out to promote the University Honors Program course UHON 198H Section 008: Conversation Partners during the Spring 2014 academic semester. The course is designed to give students the opportunity to work in small groups of American and new international students. Enrollment of domestic students was extremely low, so we set out to help. A bill was passed through ASUN Senate to support DSDC's promotion of the course. We came up with a list of target RSOs and UNL academic departments to advertise the course to and worked with the Honors Program to get the word out.

Our biggest project this year was planning and executing the second annual Friends Beyond Borders program the weekend of March 7 - 9, 2014. 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 DSDC 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 40 students participated in this program last year. That number increased to 55 this year. The program was very successful and rewarding to the participants. International students spent time with American families and experienced a ton of new things from traditional American food to dairy farms. Domestic students learned about a new culture from a primary source and gained a new friend.

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 DSDC's communication with minority groups and programming.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Mary Pistillo**

## **Environmental Leadership Program**

From ELP Director, Alyssa Cody:

**Associate Director:** Lauren Butts

### **Members:**

Morgan Battes  
Melissa Bavitz  
Jordan Brooks  
Hannah Christianson  
Emily Erikson  
Jose Flores  
Ben Huesinkvelt  
Kate Johnson  
Benet Kinghorn  
Matthew Lenz  
Melissa Petersen  
Daniel Rico  
Brooks Ronspies  
Ronnie Schinker  
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Zach Van Ede  
Carlos Velasco  
Heidi Wesle

The 2013-2014 academic year marked the first year of the Environmental Leadership Program (ELP) as an ASUN Executive Committee. While ELP had a later start date than anticipated, the committee has excelled in productivity.

During our first meeting, members of the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) introduced their individual projects that ELP members would be assisting with for the upcoming year. ELP members ranked their project preferences and had an ESC member and project assignment by the following ELP meeting. ELP members met with their ESC member and group weekly, outside of the scheduled ELP meeting time. Each ELP meeting began with an update of their ESC project and provided a time for brainstorming and group collaboration, if needed. Throughout the year, ELP members have supported each other's projects by volunteering for events when needed such as helping survey Husker Hoagie users and researching topics for RA's to include for their April bulletin boards. The first meeting also included group goal setting, personal mission statements, as well as elections for positions of secretary, historian, and social chair. Results of the election include Matt Lenz as secretary, Daniel Rico as Historian, and Ben Huesinkvelt as Social Chair.

In late November, ELP was given their first committee task of organizing and coordinating the environmental issues and policy forum, later named Policy for the Plains, as well as a reception following the panel to take place during Earthstock. ELP members divided into committees to work on different tasks of planning the event which included inviting state senators and local officials to participate in the panel, obtaining a moderator for the event, sponsorship for the reception, social media promotion, and developing panel discussion topics. During the planning process, ESC Chair Reed Brodersen served as a guest presenter to discuss how to write legislation. ELP members then gained experience in writing and presenting their legislation to the ASUN Senate for approval of their Policy for the Plains Forum. The Policy for the Plains forum will take place on April 22, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Union followed by the reception in the Heritage Room.

Upon return from winter break, ELP members set out to brainstorm and begin their group project for the spring. ELP has decided to collect unwanted kitchen supplies, small appliances, housewares, school supplies, electronics and clothes in an event called Husker Handoff. The items will be collected at specified donation locations on campus during the end of dead week and beginning of finals week as students move out for the summer. These items will then be sold at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year in order to reuse these items and divert them from the landfill. ELP members have again split into committees to coordinate planning of this event are in the stages of finalizing the details of the event.

Members of ELP joined members of ESC in participation of a weekend retreat at the Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center in February. During this retreat, ELP and ESC members had the opportunity to work together and make progress on their individual projects, craft items for both Earthstock and UNL Unplugged, as well as participate in fun group bonding activities.



2013-2014 Environmental Leadership Program Members

**Respectfully,**

**ELP Director, Alyssa Cody**

SUSTAINABLE IS ATTAINABLE



POLICY  
FOR THE  
PLAINS

APRIL 22

{ A DISCUSSION ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY WITH NEBRASKA LEADERS }

FORUM @ UNION AUDITORIUM 6-7:30 PM  
RECEPTION @ HERITAGE ROOM 7:30 - 8 PM

## **Freshman Campus Leadership Associates**

From FCLA Director, Maggie Schneider:

Assistant Director: Ryan Geisert

The 2013-2014 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 collected food for the food bank, had two sessions of cleaning the Lincoln Children's Museum, spent an afternoon doing yard work at the Friendship Home, and plan to volunteer at the LPS elementary carnival at the end of April.

The ASUN Liaison Committee had added responsibilities from the previous year. One member from the committee was to attend each senate meeting and 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 Mortar Board, Innocents' Society, UNL Masters' Club, UPC, Dance Marathon, Student Advisory Boards, Friends Beyond Borders, UNL Pre-Law Club, Character Council, and the Student Involvement Certificate Program, among others.

FCLA's main responsibility is organizing the Homecoming Parade. They successfully shadowed the previous year's FCLA'ers during the Homecoming Parade last year. 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.

Other duties that FCLA completed throughout the year were serving on the monthly Parking appeals committee. We also set up senator buddies, but unfortunately not many actually met up to share their experience. 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 Ryan's house on a Sunday evening. We played "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 one of the FCLA'ers houses in Omaha and spent Friday night playing more get-to-know you games and hung out. We all spent the night in her basement and came back early the next morning.

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

Sydni and Taylor – Five Caring Lasting Acts. This was a week-long random acts of kindness effort with a different activity scheduled for each day. This was made to promote FCLA and ASUN in a positive light.

Tim – "Rideshare – University of Nebraska – Lincoln" Facebook page for out of state students looking for a place to find rides home during vacations. There are currently 72 members of the page and looking to grow.

Leemah and Nathan – TBD. "25,000 Students three Letters" campaign idea.

Des – "Day of Awesome". In coordination with Nebraska Cares Week, this campaign is an opportunity to gather student input to share ideas about different aspects of UNL. FCLA'ers are manning boards on the Union front square where students walking by can write in marker on the poster paper answers to the posed questions.

Hannah Evans – Passed legislation supporting her efforts on behalf of ASUN, to have conversations with the owners of restaurants in the Union to use packaging and wrapping that generate less waste.

Alayna & Jon – Helped the Academic Committee gather student feedback for the Library. A survey monkey poll was constructed and collected feedback from over 100 UNL students. The results supported that there is a large interest in later library hours.

Stetson - Helping External Vice President, Jeff Story, with Do It in the Dark campaign.

Daniel – Working with the dining halls to expand options for students.

Conner and Maddy – Helping compile FCLA information to pass on to next year's director.

Brett and Jacob - Promote FCLA to next year's incoming freshmen via house announcements, passing out posters/flyers in dining halls, Big Red Welcome booth.

Cassie, Libby & Spencer – Coordinate an event for new UNL freshmen to help them get involved on campus by educating them on what organizations there are to get involved in at UNL. This event is to happen early Fall 2014.

AJ & Gabby - “Community Table” in the Abel – Sandoz dining hall. There was a designated table that anyone could sit at to encourage conversation and meeting others, especially by those who came to the dining hall alone. At one time, there was as many as 15-20 students sitting at the table.

**Respectfully,**

**FCLA Director, Maggie Schneider**

## **Government Liaison Committee**

From Committee Chair, William Stock:

The 2013 – 2014 Government Liaison Committee was extremely successful in achieving the goals laid out for the committee at the beginning of the school year. We began the year by planning and hosting a widely attended 9/11 Anniversary Memorial in front of the Union, and followed with events celebrating Veteran's Day, as well as Constitution Day, during which students were quizzed over their Constitutional knowledge and given pocket Constitutions.

Despite a shortened legislative session due to a non-budget year, GLC members were able to visit the capitol numerous occasions, meeting with many of the state senators and successfully lobbying on a wide range of issues, including State Senator Sue Crawford's LB740, which enabled out of state military veterans to attend Nebraska State Colleges at in-state tuition levels. GLC members travelled to Minnesota for the 2014 ABTS Conference, meeting with student government members from all other Big Ten Universities and learning about what they do to be successful on their own individual campuses. As a result of this conference, GLC began the process of planning an event for the next legislative session that will bring college students from across the state to the Capitol to meet with senators and discuss issues pertinent to their lives.

Lastly, members of GLC planned and coordinated the Nebraska student delegation to Washington D.C. for this year's Big Ten on the Hill Advocacy Conference. Two members will be part of the delegation, which will meet with Nebraska's Congressman and Senators to discuss Federal Funding at the university, as well as maintaining college access and affordability for all students. We hope that we have laid a strong foundation for future GLC members to build off of, and that members will continue to engage students across all realms of the political spectrum and promote the diffusion of ideas in order to better our campus as a whole.

**Respectfully,**

**Committee Chair, William Stock**

## **Graduate Student Committee**

The Graduate Student Committee was created this year in hopes of establishing further relations with our Graduate constituents on campus. This is a standing committee, so they have the ability to submit legislation on behalf of Graduate Students, and will be staffed completely by Graduate standing students. This group will work closely with the Graduate Student Association (GSA) in accomplishing projects, and working towards better communication with the Graduate College.

## **Student Alcohol Safety Commission**

From Committee Chair, Senator Jordan Hohwieler:

The Alcohol Safety Commission had an exploratory year this 2013-2014 school year. The Commission consisted of myself, Andy Nelson, and Brandon Whiting. The threat of unsafe tailgating started our semester. We met with Linda Major a few times and collaborated to encourage students' safe tailgating techniques that including proper hydration and staying the designated Indian Reservation.

The Student Alcohol Safety Commission next focused our attention to help advertise to students the Student Legal Services that are available for all students that are funded by the students' fees. We twice held advertisement booths in the Nebraska Student Union and also in the dining halls giving away the Legal Service key chains and flyers. To our surprise, many students were unaware of the free attorney counsel that is at their disposal.

Our committee also worked with the advertisement of Happy Cab sober rides. After taking a poll of students about the availability and usage of 475 Ride. The poll showed us that the cab service was being underused, so we contacted RSOs of the various dorms to encourage them to spread the word of very useful student service and to discourage driving while under the influence.

Our end of the year project is to bring in a renowned attorney to speak to the student body about their rights when approached by law enforcement while drinking or being around the consumption of alcohol. The speaker will be accompanied by a panel of speakers to answer questions posed by those students in attendance. To finish out the semester we will be working a day alongside the High Risk Behavior Taskforce to show students the dangers of drinking and driving with engaging activities using beer goggles and handing out pamphlets providing by the University Health Center.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Jordan Hohwieler**

## **Academic Committee**

From Committee Chair, Senator Grant Garrison:

The 2013-2014 ASUN Academic Committee had its fair share of successes this year. One thing that academic committee is proud of this year was working with Love Library in extending the library's hours to 1:00 am and learning more about the 24-hour study space that is coming to Love Library. We reached out to New Student Enrollment to work with them on how to get more information to incoming students during their first day on campus, specifically, how to use the undergraduate bulletin.

We had the opportunity to hold our own programming during Nebraska Cares week on April 1st, 2014 in which Dr. Tom Field, Dr. John Hibbing, Scott Winter, Ameer Abdullah, Emily Wong, and Brennan Costello spoke about life-long learning and leadership. Academic Committee also has looked into how double matriculation works when students try to major in two majors in two colleges. We also looked into how to better utilize the new study shops.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Grant Garrison**

## **Academic Fees Advisory Committee**

From Committee Chair, Christina Guthmann:

During the 2013-2014 year, the Academic Fees Advisory Committee consisted of five at-large members, one senator, the ASUN adviser, 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 2012-2013 school year. The technology fee is allocated to colleges based on their size as well as monies 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 to review proposals for the special projects to be paid for by the fee. For the first time, we saw student project ideas through the creation of a survey sent to students with the help of the Communications Committee to hear their ideas for projects.

The following projects were approved to become part of the ongoing costs of the technology fee: Network trend monitoring and analysis, Tipping Point reputation database filters, Mathematica software, Citrix software for on-demand delivery of applications (Expansion to laptops for checkout), Maple/TA Software, Campus-wide student license for Matlab software, Wireless teaching phased deployment, Classroom technology monitoring software, and College undergraduate teaching facilities improvements. The Committee also approved the following new project requests: Love Library North Digital Learning Center, Helix media library, "One-button" recording studio, Outdoor wireless, Campus-wide equipment checkout system, Event management system for LL North study rooms, and Lecture capture system. All of these technologies are currently being purchased and put in place through the oversight of Information Technology Services and the Office of Academic Affairs. The Committee believes that these technologies will be beneficial for many students and we're excited to see them deployed soon.

Finally, with the help of the Committee advisers and the office of academic affairs, the committee suggested a fee increase to \$9.25 a credit hour up to 15 credit hours per semester. This fee 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.

**Respectfully,**

**Committee Chair, Christina Guthmann**

## **Campus Life Committee**

From Committee Chair, Senator Knudson:

The Campus Life Committee began our term with a clean slate, so we had a variety of directions to take the committee. At the recommendation of President Reznicek, we looked into smart phone applications aimed at improving on campus safety. After speaking with members of the student government at Ohio State, our committee decided to move forward with a pilot program to test the effectiveness of the Lifeline EDU program for UNL's campus. This has been our major project throughout the year and we will collect feedback from users in the coming weeks.

Apart from the Lifeline program we had a variety of other projects we explored and many projects we aided FCLA members with. We explored bringing a shuttle bus program to the campus that would take out of state students from popular cities (Minneapolis, Chicago, etc.) home during breaks. Upon further investigation we found that a bus company already provides a similar service though it lacks widespread notability. Future Campus Life committee's might want to revisit this and see if there is a way to improve this service for the students. Prior to undertaking the Lifeline Pilot program, our committee contemplated a campus wide Safety survey. This would have been an extensive undertaking and we found questions similar to what we would have asked in other surveys. I encourage future CL committees to work with Student Affairs to explore the merit of a Safety-specific survey.

Many FCLA projects came through Campus Life committee including a Community Table aimed at providing a common place for students to eat if they are eating alone, a "Day of Awesome" which looked to remind students why themselves and the University are great, and a Ride Share Facebook group to help students find carpools going to common locations. The committee helped the FCLAers structure their legislation and forced them to look critically at aspects they may have overlooked.

Finally, we had a member of our committee sit on the Campus High Risk Task Force, a biweekly group of individuals representing many facets of campus that aims to curb and eliminate risky behaviors. The task force is working with Senator Fillman, a non-CL committee member, to put on an alcohol education program as well as meeting with the Indian Center to look at ways the University can help eliminate risky tailgating behaviors.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Kevin Knudson**

**Committee for Fees Allocation**

## **Communications Committee**

From Committee Chair, Senator Erin DuBois:

Our main goal for this year was to increase awareness on Social Media. We realized that the ASUN Facebook page had fewer followers than numerous other organizations on campus and our Twitter account was not being used on a continuous basis. Some of our ideas included highlighting various RSOs and Senators throughout the semester, outreaching to RSOs about their upcoming events, and keeping a more continuous presence on Twitter. For Twitter this included: posting more often about what was taking place in Senate and ASUN, re-tweeting about events from different RSOs and students on campus, and communication with organizations via Twitter. Highlighting RSOs and Senators fell through because of the lack of response. Two of the Communication members contacted numerous organizations, but received few responses. I believe that creating a relationship with RSOs is needed before this idea will be successful. The amount of followers on Twitter and Facebook increased significantly throughout the semester. We still have room to grow, but we definitely succeeded in this aspect and our efforts were noticed by other organizations on campus.

We hosted a campaign in February about ASUN in the various dining halls on campus. We wanted to see how many freshmen/residence halls were educated about ASUN. Our RHA liaison pointed out the need for a strong relationship between these two organizations. We created a chalkboard backboard showcasing a few of the numerous roles that are under the ASUN umbrella. We had at least two people at the booth at all times, talking with students as they exited the dining hall. It was interesting to see that the students that knew about ASUN, were very educated. There really was not a middle ground. In the future, it would be beneficial to expand this campaign concept to the entire campus.

Although we communicated with the other committees throughout the year, there needs to be a more set or routine way of keeping Communications Committee in the loop. Emails were sporadically sent or emailed the night before, which did not allow us adequate time to make an appropriate event page and/or communicate with students. It would be greatly beneficial if the Communications Director knew what was taking place in each committee. I think we (Communications) could do a better job as specifically highlighting what was taking place in ASUN.

Suggestions for Next Year:

- Fill Committee positions as soon as possible. As soon as we got a RHA member, it was easier to have access to the resident halls.
- After FCLA members are selected, contact everyone that applied that did not receive a spot and educate them on appointed positions. We received numerous comments about this when talking in the Residence Halls. People who did not receive a position with FCLA never heard from ASUN again.

- Set up an event for the Exec team to visit the Residence Halls during the first week of school. Or have a meet and greet in the Dining Halls. Freshmen are interested in ASUN, but we need to reach out to them.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Erin DuBois**

**ASUN Environmental Sustainability Committee  
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**ESC Members:**

Reed Brodersen - Chair

Lauren Butts - Associate Chair

Lynn Yen

Melissa Bakewell

Thien Chau

Julia Burchell

Nick Gerken

Patty Nguyen

Kristy Cullen

Lizzie Messinger

Alyssa Cody

### **Sustainability Roundtable:**

On November 19, 2013, the Environmental Sustainability Committee hosted the third annual

Sustainability Roundtable. Students had the opportunity to engage in three, forty minute long faculty led discussions over topics including energy, water, waste management, and campus sustainability. Our faculty discussion facilitators included Dr. Jerry Hudgins, Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department at UNL; Jesse Starita, Education Outreach Associate at the Daugherty Water for Food Institute; Neil Tabor and Prabhakar Shrestha of UNL Recycling; and Matan Gill who has served as sustainability coordinator for UNL Facilities and Management. The Sustainability Roundtable also received additional support from the attendance of Juan Franco, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Milo Mumgaard, Lincoln's Senior Policy Aide of Sustainability. The Sustainability Roundtable received food sponsorship from Chipotle, Raising Cane's, and Meadowlark Coffee and drew the attendance of sixty to seventy students.

### **Retreat:**

In February, members of the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Environmental Leadership Program participated in a weekend retreat at the Carol Joy Holling Conference and Retreat Center. During this retreat, ELP and ESC members had the opportunity to work together and make progress on their individual projects, craft items for both Earthstock and UNL Unplugged, as well as participate in fun group bonding activities.

### **Social Media:**

This year, the Environmental Sustainability Committee has worked to establish a presence in social media with the creation of the Green UNL Facebook page as well as the @GreenUNL twitter handle. These pages have served as a venue for communication between the committee and students regarding the committee, RSO and community events relating to environmental sustainability. ESC held a prize giveaway during the week of March 3rd-7th, 2014, to promote students to share and follow these accounts. Through this promotion, the Green UNL Facebook page gained over 450 likes on Facebook and over 160 followers on Twitter. This project also led to the development of the ESC logo seen above.

### **Recycling Engagement:**

Getting students to recycle has long been a challenge for the committee. This year, we developed a recycling bin painting contest between residence hall floors to get students more aware of recycling and to take ownership of their bins to encourage use. Thirteen floors participated, and the bins will be displayed on the Greenspace during the Earthstock block party with students voting for their favorites. The winning floor will receive a pizza party. We hope to expand this program next year if it is successful. In addition, ESC members worked alongside UNL Recycling to kick off Recyclemania, an eight-week inter-college recycling competition.

### **Bicycling Education and Infrastructure:**

We had a team work on bringing bike repair stations to campus. They talked with RHA about partnering to share costs, and they were interested. The project is currently stalled because housing is looking at the best locations (indoor or out) for the stations, and we are working with Bike UNL to coordinate a more comprehensive project. It will be continued into next year, with a tentative ESC budget allocation of \$1,500. Alongside this project, the team is hosting “Bikefest”, as an educational event to teach students about bike safety and commuting. The goal is to encourage more students to bike to and between campuses. Bikefest will take place during week 2 of Earthstock.

### **Bike Share Project:**

A team worked on researching the benefits and feasibility of bringing a bike share program on campus. We presented our research to a representative of the Mayor’s office as well as numerous representatives from various city departments and the office of the chancellor. The Mayor himself expressed interest in exploring a program for the city and University, and has asked ESC to garner support from the community and potential sponsors. An ESC member, working in the Mayor’s office as a sustainability intern, will be working through the summer and into next year to present the concept to organizations, conduct survey work, coordinate the creation of a non-profit to administer the program, and coordinate publicity for the program.

### **Sustainability Outreach:**

A team worked on incorporating sustainability education in NSE leadership classes. This is close to being finalized, and a list of facts about UNL’s sustainability efforts has been compiled. The team also worked with RAs and RDs in the residence halls to post passives relating to sustainability. Facts and resources were given in advance, and over ten RAs participated in the program in March alone.

### **Husker Hoggie Reusable Bags:**

A team member focused on increasing the use of reusable bags at Husker Hoggies. A survey was conducted looking at reusable bag use and possible incentives for students to use the bags. We are exploring other models to encourage/incentivize use, but this part of the project is ongoing.

### **UNL Unplugged: Energy Saving Competition:**

A team worked on hosting an energy saving/education event focused on students living in the residence halls. It took the form of participation in a national competition among college campuses, called Campus Conservation Nationals. Our event will run the first three weeks of April, and will include a trivia night, glow in the dark dodgeball, and a scavenger hunt. Daily per-capita energy use will be posted in each residence hall, and the hall that reduced their energy usage the most will win a grand prize sponsored by the Residence Halls Association.

### **Statewide Renewable Energy Resolution:**

A team worked on a collaborative project with student governments across the state to pass a resolution in support of renewable energy development in Nebraska. The project is still in its early stages, but members of student governments from UNL, UNO, UNK, Creighton and Concordia have been identified as team members going into next year. Presentations were made at both UNK and Concordia regarding renewable energy, and they were successful in engaging their respective student senates on the issue. This project will be continued in the fall, with a tentative goal of passing a universal resolution at seven different schools in the spring of 2015. We see a lot of potential for partnership with GLC to take this collective resolution and lobby on behalf of UNL, and more generally, Nebraska students for a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable energy system with higher levels of local investment and job growth.

### **Earthstock 2014:**

“Earthstock: Four Weeks to Learn & Grow” was conceptualized by the Environmental Sustainability Committee as a rebranding of the previous year’s “Focus Nebraska Week.” A team of committee members focused on a revitalized youth driven movement that highlighted sustainable practices and behavioral target marketing. Events were planned throughout the entire month of April, cumulating on Earth Day. The events included an interactive carbon footprint diagram, recycling display, business exposition, up-cycling art project, bicycle display, concert, documentary showing, book reading, and

block party. The full event list can be seen in the attached document. We collaborated with multiple colleges, as well as, RHA and Career Services. The event was fully funded by outside sponsorship, with key sponsors including: CASNR (\$1,000), College of Architecture (\$1,000), Residence Hall Association (\$750), College of Engineering (\$500), Cleaner Greener Lincoln (\$250) and Whole Foods (\$500+ of in-kind donations).



## **Student Services Committee**

From Committee Chair, Senator Frank Stroup:

**Members:** Shane Manning, Dani Kerr

### **Student Organizations**

This term, the student services committee approved the constitutions for 60+ new student organizations ranging from UNL chapters of Greek Organizations, international religious focus and support groups, sports organizations, residence hall councils, and many others.

In addition to approving new groups, the committee has been working with Mandi Hulme and others in Students Involvement to better connect RSO's with the resources available for them and improve communications with RSO about when they are about to fall out of compliance. The brief orientation process is also being looked at to better serve students in the spirit of adapting to a larger number of RSOs currently functioning at UNL.

### **Student Organization Resource Council (SORC)**

The student services committee has planned 2 SORC events this year, usually only one is done per academic year. The first was on November 7th 2013 and the second will be held March 31st 2014. These SORC events employed a radical new type of organization never before used on campus called an Open Spaces Forum. SORC included sessions on Sustainability, How to Run Meetings Effectively, Motivation & Member Retention, Leadership & Management, Advertising & Event Attendance, and Resources Available to RSOs. These sessions were chosen based off of feedback from past SORC events.

### **Bylaws and Legislation**

Throughout the term, the committee has facilitated over 20 changes to ASUN bylaws including cleaning many outdated sections, adding new sections to clarify existing practices, encouraging Senator-RSO outreach, outlining policy on ad-hoc committee members, and establishing a graduate student committee.

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Frank Stroup**

## **ASUN Sponsored Initiatives**

### **TedXU**

TedX is an initiative sought after by ASUN since two years past, under the IMPACT administration. This year, bylaws were put in place to establish a TedX committee, representing much of what The Big Event has accomplished in hopes of establishing a yearly TedX student event.

### **The Big Event**

The Big Event is one day of service to say “Thank You!” to Lincoln.

This year the goals of the Big Event included producing 3,000+ volunteers and gaining the involvement of over 200 agencies. The year prior, The Big Event was able to produce over 2,700 volunteers, and over 160 agencies.

Improvements included community interaction, producing private residences, developing job-sites outside of Lincoln, expansion of the flagship program, and the location and use of supplies.

### **475-RIDE**

In the 2012-2013 Academic Year:

Rides Given:	3257
Avg. Rides per Month:	362
Total Cost:	\$ 34,921.42
Avg. Cost per Month:	\$3,880.16

In the 2013-2014 Academic year, through December:

Rides Given:	753
Avg. Rides per Month:	251
Total Cost:	\$11,151.13
Avg. Cost per Month:	\$3,717.04

### **Student Legal Services (SLS)**

Over the 2012-2013 school year, SLS managed to close 1,165 cases, touting a 17 case increase in September, and a 20 case increase in October. Over the last year, SLS has also participated in many programs including New Greek Summit, Graduate Student Welcome, Big Red Welcome, East Campus RSO Club Fair, the “Allow Me to Introduce Myself” Program, and the ASUN Student Alcohol Safety Booth.

### **Student Money Management Center (SMMC)**

This year, other than participating in an increased number of outside program, we lost Erin Wirth, and will be needing to look for a new director for the program. This will be performed by Dr. Franco, Marlene Beyke, Eric Reznicek, and Kevin Knudson.

## **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: \$0.44/copy(M-F)
- NYT: \$0.60/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 2012-2013 program (August-April) was \$177,746. This includes weekend papers. About \$6,730.32 of that was for weekend papers. This same budget will be used for 2013-2014.

## **Special Projects**

### **Student Code of Conduct**

The Student Code of Conduct, under revision since 2011, has been furthered by External Vice-President Jeff Story. Under his supervision the Code has passed Student Senate, Faculty Senate, the Chancellor's Team, and General Counsel, and awaits approval of the Board of Regents.

### **Bylaws**

Over 20+ amendments were made to ASUN's bylaws over the last year, making our organization more efficient, expansive, and productive. Highlights include, the removal of inactive regulations, TedXU, The Big Event, Graduate Student Committee, and making ESC a standing committee.

### **Social Responsibility Training**

After recent events, ASUN Senators underwent Social Responsibility Training, put on by members of UNL's Faculty and Staff. Results were so beneficial that the decision has now been made to make this a yearly requirement during orientation of our Senators.

### **Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS)**

After attending multiple conferences ourselves, the ABTS has selected The University of Nebraska–Lincoln to host the ABTS delegations in August of 2014. Eric Reznicek has volunteered as conference coordinator. Much of the programming for the event will be a responsibility of this year's team.