

# President's Environmental Sustainability Committee (PESC)

## February 2017

The PESC met in late January. Some highlights:

Reviewed progress on the Campus Sustainability Plan. Discussed possibility of reorganizing working groups to reflect the new plan

Announced launch of the *Villanovans for Sustainability*, a new alumni group for sustainability professionals. Chris Sheridan ([christopher.barrett.sheridan@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.barrett.sheridan@gmail.com)) is the lead alum for this project. Anyone interested in joining can contact [liesel.schwarz@villanova.edu](mailto:liesel.schwarz@villanova.edu)

Introduced a new resource in the career center (Christie Vuoto). She will help build relationships with organizations hiring students interested in sustainability, and will help with student placement in jobs and internships

Announced several events planned this term, including a viewing of the documentary "Before the Flood" (Feb 2); the Zero Waste Game (Feb 25, Saturday at 3:00 pm in the Pavilion); Earth Week (17-22 April); and the People's Climate March (April 29; Liesel is arranging for transportation).

Also discussed were some changes in the Nova Bike Share program (including getting new bikes, charging for rental time, adding bike racks to highly used areas of campus) and continuing efforts to minimize waste (recycling rates appear to be increasing) and energy use (for example, by promoting efforts to defrost freezers in science labs- scheduled for Spring break).

Respectfully submitted,

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