



Creighton Students Union Sustainability Efforts

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Electric Scooters

The Creighton Students Union worked closely with the student body to ensure that voices were heard during the city of Omaha's electric scooter pilot program. A survey was sent to every Creighton student to provide feedback regarding location, routes, and available hours of the scooters. This information was then passed on from CSU to the city of Omaha to take into consideration when contracting the pilot program.

2SI

Over the past two years, Creighton Students Union, in partnership with Creighton Dining has been working to implement two sustainability initiatives (2SI), eliminating plastic bags and plastic straws on campus. After a student body vote, with over 3,550, the referendums to eliminate plastic bags (Ref #18-02B) and plastic straws (Ref #18-03B) on campus, passed. Beginning in the Fall of 2019, each student who is on the meal plan, will receive a reusable bag, free of charge. The first 200 non-meal plan holders can pick up a reusable bag free of charge on a first come first serve basis. Otherwise, there will be canvas bags for purchase at retail locations, or a paper bag will be given, rather than plastic. Reusable straws will be given to students, by Creighton Students Union, at Skutt Shutdown 2019.

Silence for the Climate Demonstration

In partnership with the Creighton Climate Justice Movement, Creighton Students Union co-hosted the Silence for the Climate Demonstration on Thursday, April 25, 2019 in light of Earth Week. The demonstration took place on St. John's steps during the 10:45AM - 11:20AM passing period. A student gave a brief, 5 minute speech to call attention to the issue of climate change, to advocate for a change in university policy on the issue, and to orient the demonstration. There was then a 3 minutes and 50 seconds of silence following the speech to represent the 350 ppm (parts per million) of carbon in the atmosphere that we have to get down to in order to maintain a stable climate. This event brought together over 250 students to stand for climate justice – one of the most well attended demonstrations in many years at Creighton University. This demonstration not only brought light to climate issues, but also sparked conversation between students and University administration regarding divestment, carbon neutrality, and campus wide education.



Photo by Brady Manker, College of Arts and Sciences Senior

Reusable Containers

Creighton Students Union in partnership with Creighton Dining, Sodexo, and the Office of Sustainability will launch a reusable container program starting in the Fall of 2019. Each student who is on the meal plan, will receive a reusable Tupperware, free of charge, to take to service-counter locations on campus. The first 200 non-meal plan holders can pick up a container free of charge on a first come first serve basis. The student can take their meal with them on the go and when they're finished, they can either (a) return the used container to the food service location and receive a carabiner in exchange or (b) wash the container on their own and reuse it. If the student decides to return the used container in exchange for a clip where they can then turn in the clip for a clean container the next time they go to grab a meal! The goal of this program is to use less plastic and styrofoam on campus as well as eliminate food waste.

Greater Omaha Community

In light of recent efforts to ban plastic bags in the city of Omaha, Creighton Students Union has built a partnership with the high school students in the Omaha community, through Students for Sustainability (SFS) with service work, fundraising efforts, and political action.