



**Recap: April 8, 2015
Charlotte Green Team Meeting
The EPIC Center
UNCC**

“Sustainability Efforts at UNCC: On Campus & In the Classroom”

The Charlotte Green Team enjoyed a presentation on sustainability efforts at UNC Charlotte at our April 2015 meeting. The meeting was kicked off by Green Team Co-chair Tom Murray from CRVA. He noted that the University has a lot going when it comes to green and sustainability initiatives, and that we were all glad to be there to learn more. As an overview, there are student and recycling programs that are in place; then green/sustainable curriculum and research at the new EPIC Center (which is a LEED certified design); and finally zero waste operations at Jerry Richardson Stadium.

The afternoon’s program, presentations and tours were planned by Drs. Regina Guyer and Michael Lizotte from the University. We began with presentations in one of the classrooms. Dr. Guyer talked about some of the initiatives the University has. She was followed by Michael Lizotte, UNC Charlotte Sustainability Officer and he covered their sustainability strategic plan and some research initiatives. This was followed by a walking tour and discussion of the LEED Gold Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC). While the green initiatives designed into the building were impressive, the tour of various labs where teaching and research is occurring was really eye-opening.

The day concluded with a visit to Jerry Richardson Stadium. They have a Zero Waste Initiative that started with the first game ever played in the stadium. Working with their concessionaires, they have eliminated waste down to two types: recyclables and compostable items. They even provide recyclable trash bags to tailgaters. They estimate they’re at about 80% zero waste during game days and are closing the gap to get to 100%.

People left the event thinking about how they can circle back one-on-one with programs and initiatives to get help with their own company initiatives. Drs. Guyer and Lizotte said, “That’s what we’re here for!”

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