Green Campus Project

RATIONALE

Saint Mary's University through the years had been one of the advocates for environmental protection. With the mission of "steadfastly participate in the CICM advocacies of promoting multi-ethnicity, social justice, peace, and integrity of God's creation" we have made programs, projects, and activities for the protection of our environment. Two decades ago, the university crafted its CHSF program aimed at practicing what we teach inside the classroom. Our current engagements whether local, national, or international have always had an environmental protection goal.

With the growing environmental concerns, the government had even to enact environmental laws to protect our mother nature. One of these laws is RA 9003. This Act makes provision for efficient solid waste management, for the volume reduction of the waste, its environment-friendly disposal, composting, recycling, re-use, recovery, green charcoal process; for the collection, treatment, and disposal in environmentally sound solid waste management facilities. It aims for the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment, and disposal of solid waste. It also concerns the protection of groundwater from pollution.

Several higher education institutions had already policies on banning the in-campus use of plastics and even the selling and bringing in of drinks contained in PET bottles which are being implemented religiously. As part of the university's advocacy for promoting the integrity of God's creation, the implementation of our existing laws, and the execution of our programs and projects, this proposal was made and endorsed.

On a personal note, during the Midyear 2022, it was observed that students brought their tumblers. This was due to the fact that most of them were not allowed to go out of campus (limited face-to-face guidelines) and there are limited drinking stations or canteen that sells bottled water or bottled water is expensive for them. This shows that it is possible to ask our students to bring their own drinking tumblers.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To manifest our environmental advocacies;
2. To show support for our environmental laws;
3. To instill among our students the value of protecting the environment; and
4. To implement our CHSF program by banning PET bottles and the use of plastics on campus.

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OPERATIONALIZATION:

Actions taken:

The proposal was discussed with the Student Central Council and the Student Leaders who are supportive of the proposal.

Actions to be taken (part of our environmental policy/program):

1. Disallow use of plastic spoons, forks, disposable plastic food packs, and straws;
2. Disallow the entry of drinks using PET bottles;
3. Disallow the selling of drinks on PET bottles (to be part of the contract among Canteen Concessionaires); and
4. Symposium on environmental protection by LMCDAC or office handling the CHSF program (and to explain the move by the university).

Consequences of the actions to be taken:

1. Require students to use tumblers or any non-PET drinking utensils.
2. Require canteen concessionaire to provide a drinking station.
3. Require concessionaires to use only paper cups, lunch packs, and silver utensils for food.
4. The university provides water drinking stations (revive the old drinking fountain or purchase new ones to be stationed in strategic places).

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. For mass reproduction by TTBDO of SMU labeled tumblers for sale;
2. The tumblers themselves as promotional materials;
3. Inculcation to the Marian community of our responsibility toward the environment.

Respectfully yours,

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3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) Program for University Waste



CAMPUS GREEN Project

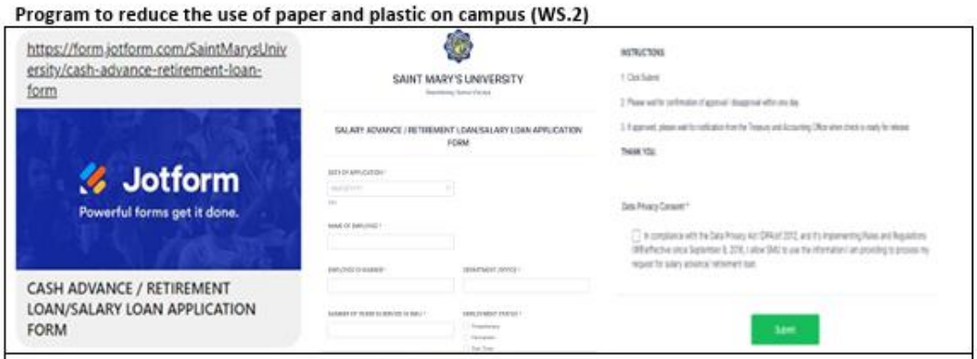
Reduce: Using reusable containers and mugs for food and drinks when buying at the canteen



CLEAN, HEALTHY, SAFE, FRIENDLY (CHSF) PROGRAM



Program to reduce the use of paper and plastic on campus (WS.2)



Online Application for salary loans and advances



STePG (Self-service Test Permit Generator)



Online Disbursements



Green Campus Initiatives in the Offices, Canteen, and Ornamental Plants Cultivation

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