

University Sustainability Committee

February 21, 2019

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Dr. Glen Borchert, Dr. John Cleary, Victor Cohen, William Guess, Dr. Krista Harrell, Bailey Hoffman (Student Sustainability), Cecelia Martin, Diana Nichols, Dr. Stephanie Smallegan

Members Absent: Todd Culp, Dr. Doug Marshall, Mary Beth Massey, SGA Representative

Guest: Angela Jordan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. James Bridgeforth

Old Business:

1. The minutes for the January 24, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Sub-committee Chair Reports & Updates
 - a. Cecelia Martin: STARS Taskforce -- Cecelia reported that this subcommittee will be meeting today following this meeting. The focus of the meeting today will be the distribution of labor for the STARS Project.
 - b. Victor Cohen: Campus Engagement -- Victor Cohen reported that this subcommittee met on February 19, 2019. They reviewed their goal sequence for the subcommittee and discussed accomplishments. William Guess met with the SGA to present the Adopt a Stream program and to discuss how this impacts the MS4 permit. William Guess, Mike Chambers and Lynn Chronister met with representative from Neowaste Company. (Neowaste is a company that manages landfill-bound materials as a resource to create a valuable synthetic fuel called "neofuel").
 - c. Diana Nichols: Marketing & Communication -- Diana reported that the USA Sustainability Twitter feed is up and running and has a few followers. Diana has posted an article about biodegradable Mardi Gras beads. The name of the Twitter account is 'SustainableSouth2'.
 - d. Todd Culp: Operations: William Guess reported that there is over 881,000 of recycling material(s) were recycled from the campus in 2018.

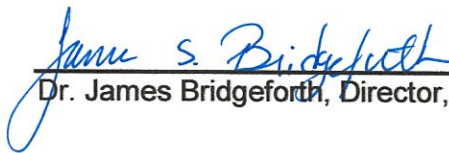
New Business

1. Lime Update: William Guess reported that LimeBike is withdrawing from the Mobile, AL market as of March 15, 2019. This was a LimeBike corporate decision.
2. State Sustainability Officers' Meeting - Dr. Bridgeforth reported this meeting will be held on campus. This will be held on March 1, 2019. Dr. Bridgeforth asked for volunteers to host this event.
3. Earth Day/Week of Activity -- Dr. Bridgeforth reported that he is coordinating with other faculty and staff to help promote Earth Day. One suggestion was showing a

movie or film promoting Earth Day. Bailey Hoffman, from Student Sustainability, stated that the students are showing a movie for Earth Day. Dr. Bridgeforth has asked that anyone who has additional recommendations for Earth Day to please contact him.

4. Inviting ACF to our March meeting – Dr. Bridgeforth reported that he has met with Mark Berte and Katherine Kuhn from Alabama Coastal Foundation. Dr. Bridgeforth wants to create a more centralized way to be aware of and to promote different activities on campus and in our community. The committee supported inviting Mark and Katherine to the March 2019 meeting.
5. Open floor & discussion – William Guess reported that representatives from Neowaste visited the campus. This company has been awarded an Alabama Launch Pad start up grant that focuses on converting plastic recycles to diesel. While the representatives were on campus they also toured the Hitt Road facility. After that tour they met with Lynne Chronister who is supportive of this program. This program could be brought to our campus in the next 1-2 years.
William reported that they are currently in the process of placing recycle bins throughout Housing for empty ink cartridges.
He also reported that Dr. Smith has agreed to fund a greenhouse for the Community Garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.



Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing