



University Sustainability Committee

April 22, 2022

Members Present: Annalise Bonner, Victor Cohen, Scott Crow, William Guess, Krista Harrell, Diana Nichols, Grace Sekaya, Evan Wilkes

Guest: Nicole Benard

Call to Order: Meeting as called to order at 1:30 PM by Victor Cohen

Old Business:

Previous Meeting's minutes were approved by Committee.

Update on work groups: No updates at this time

Planning and Administration: Krista mentioned wanting to get through Spring Semester and start fresh working towards more Sustainability updates in the Summer.

New Business:

Operations:

Recycling Bins and Labeling: Bill Guess has reached out to recycling company about artwork and possible changing out recycling stickers for bins. Bill mentioned the University has funding for sustainability efforts from Coke that can be put towards labeling and stickers. Krista also wants to find marquee spots for bins such as the Student Center. Krista also wants to check with Publications for signage for recycling bins and proposes flyers to push information/education out about locations of recycling bins and proper use of bins with hopes to expand more with Housing as well.

Campus Garden: Krista suggest promoting information on South Serves for Garden Days. As present the Biology Student Association can volunteer with revamping the garden for credit hours. Scott has taken some pictures of the removal/recycling of boxes. Scott says Grounds have cut over grown grass provided new wood for boxes added top soil and placed gravel down around the garden. Now it's easier to walk through and more accessible. Bill/ Scott want to add have more plants in place to help revitalize the garden. Rebecca also suggest getting with Greek Life to assist with upkeep of garden during the summer. Rebecca also mentioned Professors in the Biology Department has interest in working on incentives for project involving the student garden. As of right now the Campus Garden is not restricted to the campus community. Bill Guess suggests locks for the garden and the green house.

Marketing/Communications and Engagement:

Diana suggest promoting Sustainability during orientation and while students go on campus tours they can also take a tour of the campus garden. Diana also mentioned posting an Earth Day recap on Sustainability web page.

Exposure to Sustainability Platform: Victor and Krista would like to have a more economical way for information to be presented with ways to make accessibility to Sustainability web page easier. Krista mentioned directing more traffic to web page by having ways to submit information directly to Committee or Sub-Committees and making sustainability somewhat of a bigger priority with the University. Rebecca suggests making flyers for upcoming Sustainability events.

Annalise also suggests inviting different Club representatives and Speakers to future meetings. Krista also wants to implement tables at the Student Center during Student Orientation to encourage students to help with basic sustainability projects on campus. Rebecca proposed working with the Social Media heads of Greek organizations, SGA and other Student organizations to start the communication process. Rebecca will work with Grace (SGA President) in hopes of spreading the word on what's going on with sustainability around campus via students connecting with other students as well as working with the Orientation Committee. Bill and Rebecca will collaborate on coordinating events with Operations Sub-Committee and various Student Organizations.

Green Jags: Annalise spoke about the different collaborations on campus for Earth Day. There were various Plant sales on Campus also a reusable pot sale. There was also a "Wash the Waste Bash" at the Student Center. The T-Shirt Trade in at the Moulton Tower did very well.

Solar Table Usage and other wireless power sources: Bill Guess and Scott Crow spoke about Solar tables. We currently have 20 Solar Tables on Campus with 20 more coming within the following week (April 24th-30th). Bill says there is a need for more garbage cans around solar tables and wants to have student groups monitor campus clean ups as well. The Committee wants to promote the use of Solar tables by mentioning them during campus tours and highlighting the great features. Grace noted there are Wireless chargers at the Student center and The Grove similar to solar tables available for use. The University also has Electric car stations at The Commons for use as well.

Date for Summer Meeting/ July Meeting TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.