

University Sustainability Committee

September 21, 2017



Members Present: Dr. Krista Harrell, Chair, Victoria Pickle (for Dr. Glen Borchert), Dr. John Cleary, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, William Guess, Dr. Doug Marshall, Maria McElyea, Diana Nichols, Brad Sanders, Stephanie Smallegan

Members Absent: Cecilia Martin, Mary Beth Massey, Carl Thomas (SGA)

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

Old Business:

1. The minutes for the 8/17/2017 meeting were approved.
2. Mission Discussion Follow-up.: Held over until October or November Committee Meeting.
3. Sustainability Coordinator Update: The hiring of a Sustainability Coordinator has been put on hold until next year.
4. Website Update. Dr. Harrell and Diana Nichols are requesting that all content to be used be emailed to Dr. Harrell. Maria McElyea volunteered to assist Dr. Harrell.

New Business:

1. Daily Digest Updates – Dr. Harrell is requesting content be submitted to her by the 1st of the month to be able to post in the Daily Digest Update(s).
2. Bookstore Ink Cartridge Purchasing: Victoria Pickle presented for Dr. Glen Borchert. Dr. Borchert is proposing that the University consider using Environment First Printing for ink cartridge purchases. This will help “the university to reduce its ecological footprint and promote greater sustainability”.
Some questions were asked that Dr. Borchert will need to answer before moving forward: List of Vendors? Accessibility? Cost?
3. Request for Recycling Bins & Pick up in TRP IV: Todd Culp has placed some bins and will arrange for additional pickups for TRP IV.
4. Student Sustainability Council Updates: Maria McElyea reported. A Gardening Day will be held September 23rd from 9-11.
Dr. Harrell suggested volunteers to coordinate recycling for football games. Bill and Todd stated campus is already assisting.
5. Open Floor:
William Guess reported that he is obtaining pricing for a Greenhouse for the Community Garden.
A secondary building, for supplies, has been placed near the Recycling Center.
The driveway leading to the recycling center may be paved if funding can be secured.
The posters have been updated and will be printed soon. The numbers will be modified. USA is averaging 20,000-25,000 with recyclable materials a week.
Trying to hire Student Workers through the Work Study program.

A Recycling Technician position has been approved.

Todd Culp will be meeting with an independent company to discuss more options for recycling. Diana Nichols will proceed with updating the Homepage for the website when poundage report is verified.

Dr. Kevin White's project, Erosion Control, located west of the Administration Building is ongoing.

The Meadows Project is on hold. (waiting on a quote)

6. Items for future meetings:

Dr. Harrell has suggested recognizing individuals that demonstrate good sustainability practices. William Guess and Todd Culp met with Tom Pilgreen from Housing to coordinate recycling in within Housing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Dr. Krista Harrell, Associate Dean of Students, VP of Student Affairs