

University Sustainability Committee

January 19, 2017

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Dr. Glen Borchert, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, Josh Crownover, Sabrina de Jong, William Guess, Ben Hannan, Dr. Doug Marshall, Cecelia Martin, Diana Nichols, Kelly Rushing, Brad Sanders

Guest: Dr. Angela Coleman

Call to Order/Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. James Bridgeforth. The minutes for the December 15, 2016 were approved.

New Business:

1. Catherine Kelly has been asked to serve as secretary for the committee.

New Business:

1. Planning session with Dr. Angela Coleman. Dr. Coleman reviewed the four areas of work that have been identified by the committee:

- 1) Communications
- 2) University philosophy/approach to sustainability
- 3) Expansion of recycling activity
- 4) Expansion of community gardening activity

Communication was reviewed in the November meeting. She split the committee into two groups and asked that the groups “brainstorm” the other three areas.

University Philosophy/Approach to Sustainability:

- New buildings/construction needs to be energy efficient
- Best practices
- Crafting a mission statement
- Education
- Recycling
- Existing building – how to be more efficient
 - drinking bottle refill machines
 - lights on timers
- Grants & Research
- Engage Sustainability into colleges
- Student ownership/engagement-make it a part of the university culture
- Stars index
- Cost Savings (show/report)

Dr. Bridgeforth suggested that the committee needs a vision statement. Dr. Coleman will send out an email to prioritize goals.

Expansion of Recycling Activity

- Ensure that bins are placed in buildings and properly labeled – working in phases
- Stickers for the bins – being ordered so that they comply with the University’s Branding Guidelines
- Establish an online request form for departments to request recycling bins
- Student Sustainability to assist with placing new stickers on bins

- Notify University of Recycling results

This committee is the Recycling Implementation Team

Dr. Glen Borchert will chair this subcommittee. Bill Guess, Todd Culp and Diana Nichols have also been asked to serve on this subcommittee.

Expansion of Community Gardening Activity

- Assemble a shed to store materials and ensure that the building is built to code
- Implement a plan for regular compost pickups throughout campus

Sabrina de Jong is the contact member for this subcommittee.

Dr. Doug Marshall inquired about toner/ink recycle. If departments are not already designating them for a specific charity, the cartridges will be picked up with the other recyclable materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Dr. James Bridgeforth, University Housing