

University Sustainability Committee

November 15, 2018

Members Present: Dr. Krista Harrell, Dr. John Cleary, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, Mary Beth Massey, Diana Nichols, Cana Brown (SGA representative)

Members Absent: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Dr. Glen Borchert, William Guess, Bailey Hoffman (Student Sustainability), Dr. Doug Marshall, Cecelia Martin, Brad Sanders, Dr. Stephanie Smallegan

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 October 18, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Announcement of Sub Committee Chairs:
 - a) Cecelia Martin: STARS Task Force – Cecelia Martin is hoping to have a subcommittee meeting after the Christmas holiday. Dr. Harrell gave a brief overview expressing her thoughts about the STARS Task Force. She said their goal is for Spring or Summer 2019.
 - b) Victor Cohen: Campus Engagement- Victor Cohen reported that this subcommittee did meet a couple of weeks ago. At this time this subcommittee is focusing on prioritizing their goals.
 - c) Diana Nichols: Marketing & Communication – Diana Nichols reported. This subcommittee has met. They have created a Facebook page. (The Facebook page is 'Sustainable South Alabama'). Diana has several projects and ideas for upcoming events. She will use the Facebook page to announce upcoming events.
 - d) Todd Culp: Operations – This committee has met; they will continue to promote recycling.

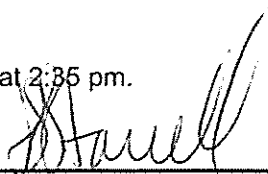
Dr. Bridgeforth will reach out to the chairs of the committees before the next meeting.

New Business

1. **Aramark Supporting Efforts to Reduce Contamination:** Dr. Harrell reported, Aramark is continuing to support recycling and they are doing their best to reduce the amount of contamination.

2. **Update on Recycling:** Todd Culp reported. There is a new driver for the Hitt Road facility. He stated that plastic contamination is an issue and has caused a significant drop in our plastic recycling amount. (All of the other amounts are staying the same.) Todd has stopped taking plastics to the Hitt Road Facility because of the contamination issue. Diana Nichols is hoping to promote cleaning plastic bottles, etc. with her Facebook page. Dr. Harrell inquired about having signage for cleaning plastics placed near plastic recycle bins, "How to Recycle Plastics".
3. **Committee Updates & Reports:** Please see 'Old Business' #2.
4. **Open Floor & Other Discussion** Dr. Harrell reported that the 5th Coastal Sustainability Summit will be held in the Student Center on Friday, January 25, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.



Dr. Krista Harrell, Associate Dean of Students

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