

University Sustainability Committee

January 24, 2019

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Dr. John Cleary, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, William Guess, Diana Nichols, Brad Sanders, Dr. Stephanie Smallegan

Members Absent: Dr. Glen Borchert, Dr. Krista Harrell, Bailey Hoffman (Student Sustainability), Dr. Doug Marshall, Cecelia Martin, Mary Beth Massey, SGA Representative

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 December 13, 2018 meeting were approved.
2. Sub-committee Chair Reports & Updates
 - a. Cecelia Martin: STARS Taskforce - Dr. Bridgeforth reported that Cecelia Martin is working towards the STARS Taskforce Accreditation for the University. This takes about 6 – 12 months to complete. This will be a joint effort involving several different departments. This assessment is very detailed and it will help to guide the Sustainability Committee on what goals this committee should be working towards. Cecelia will give an update at the February 2019 meeting.
 - b. Victor Cohen: Campus Engagement – Victor Cohen reported that the subcommittee met on January 17, 2019. A student from Jaguar Productions has expressed interest in helping the committee promote Sustainability. Victor also reported that the Cerebral Palsy Organization collects and recycles electronic items as a fundraiser. He suggested the Committee reach out to this organization regarding the University's old electronics. The Green Coast Council is hosting a Summit at the University of South Alabama's Student Center. Dr. Tony Waldrop will be the opening speaker. Dr. Stephanie Smallegan will be presenting. William Guess and Ben Rodrigo from SEC will be attending.
 - c. Diana Nichols: Marketing & Communication: Diana reported that she has created a Twitter account for the committee. Todd Culp is going to send her recycling volumes so that she can promote them. Dr. Smallegan will send Diana pictures from the Green Coast Council Summit so that she can share them on social media. Diana suggesting having a Trivia Night (with the questions pertaining to Sustainability) and offering prizes to encourage participation. Brad Sanders offered Jag Bucks for the Dining Facility as one of the prizes. She also suggested Jaguar Productions to assist in promoting this event.
 - d. Todd Culp: Operations: Todd reported that the recycling containers at the Intramural Fields were removed and have to be replaced. The water bottle filling stations he believes have had a positive effect in helping to reduce the number of plastics that need to be recycled. Todd asked the committee to let him know of any area on campus that is in need of recycle bin(s).

New Business

1. Scooter Update: Dr. Bridgeforth reported that he and Dr. Harrell met with the LimeBike representative to discuss the status of LimeBike and their intention in bringing the Lime Scooters on campus. LimeBike wants to bringing the scooters and the Ebikes to campus because they are more profitable than the bikes. William Guess is opposed to the scooters due to traffic and charging safety concern. He is open to discussing the Ebikes and will request the specs for the Ebikes to review for consideration.
2. Lime Focus Groups: Earth Day/Week of Activities: Dr. Bridgeforth is asking the group to think about different ideas/programs/incentives to promote LimeBike to be discussed at future meetings. Example, a LimeBike race.
3. Earth Day/Week of Activities: Deferred until the next committee meeting.
4. Open Floor & Other Discussion Items:
William Guess announced that he has bought lumber and garden hose (and cart), for the community garden. He has also arranged with the Grounds Department to have a gravel pathway created to the community garden for easier access.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.



Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing