

University Sustainability Committee

May 16, 2019

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, William Guess, Mary Beth Massey, Diana Nichols, Brad Sanders, Shannon Shelley-Tremblay

Members Absent: Dr. Glen Borchert, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, Dr. Krista Harrell, Dr. Doug Marshall, Cecelia Martin, Dr. Stephanie Smallegan, Representatives from Student Sustainability and SGA.

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 April 25, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Sub-committee Chair Reports & Updates
 - a. Cecelia Martin: STARS Taskforce – Deferred until next meeting.
 - b. Victor Cohen: Campus Engagement – Deferred until next meeting.
 - c. Diana Nichols: Marketing & Communication – Diana discussed obtaining a specialty item to be given away during the upcoming orientation sessions to promote recycling to the students. Several items were discussed. She is to get pricing information for the committee to review. William Guess said that he would be able to fund the specialty item depending on the price. She is also keeping the Sustainability Committee's social media accounts updated.
 - d. Todd Culp: Operations: William Guess reported that for the month of March 2019 the recycling amounts were as follows; cardboard 18,200 lbs., paper 18,900 lbs., plastic 900 lbs., oil 250 gallons, wood pallets 12,500 lbs. and steel 75,700 lbs. (the amounts for wood pallets steel are a combination of several months).

New Business

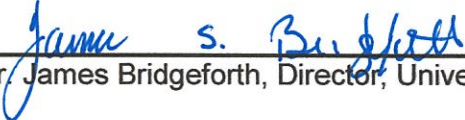
1. Follow-up regarding Water Bottle Project – Deferred until Scott Clausen has additional information for the committee.
2. Meeting Time - Dr. Bridgeforth discussed different dates and times that the Sustainability Committee meeting can be moved to, Catherine Kelly will send out a poll to assist in determining the availability of the committee members for future Sustainability Committee Meetings.
3. Follow-up Regarding Berney Meeting – Dr. Bridgeforth discussed the 3 options for ink cartridge recycling on campus; 1) utilize the current cartridge recycling program that is on campus where the empty cartridges are placed in the recycle bins and picked up with the other recycling 2) Berney has given the university the option of giving the university a very large box to place the empty cartridges in and once the box is full it can be shipped back to Berney 3) Berney also suggested that when the

university receives a new toner from them that it comes in a preaddressed box and we can take the empty toner cartridge and place it in that box and ship it back to Berney. The goal is to make recycling ink cartridges for the university departments as easy as possible. Diana will post these three options to the website.

4. Open Floor & Other Discussion Items – William Guess reported that Neowaste is hosting a group presentation on Monday, May 20, 2019, at the Hitt Road Recycling Facility. There will be both City and County representatives in attendance at the meeting. He also informed the committee that Alabama Power sponsored 5 electric car charging stations. The parking spaces with the chargers are painted green. The electric chargers will be ready to use once Alabama Power activates the payment method. He also reported that the greenhouse for the community garden has been ordered and should arrive in the next few weeks. The grounds department will pour the concrete slab that the greenhouse will be placed on and the maintenance department will assemble the greenhouse.

Shannon Shelley-Tremblay reported that she attended a meeting regarding the outreach plan for the Three Mile Creek. The committee that host these meetings is looking for additional venues to hold future meetings. She asked the committee to host one in October 2019. The day, time and location will be decided at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.



Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing