

University Sustainability Committee – President’s Conference Room

3/17/2016 – 2:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. James Bridgeforth
Dr. Krista Harrell
Victor Cohen
Todd Culp
Jerry Purvis

Dr. Glen Borchert
Scott Weldon
Kelly Rushing
Justin Roberts

Old Business

- Dr. Bridgeforth requested a motion to approve the previous meeting’s minutes.
 - Dr. Harrell so moved, Mr. Culp seconded the motion; the motion was approved unopposed.

Welcome to Mr. Scott Weldon, Vice President for Financial Affairs

- Mr. Weldon will officially be involved with the committee moving forward.
 - The need for a full-time position was emphasized during Mr. Weldon’s introduction.
 - Also of emphasis was that Mr. Weldon will be an advocate for the committee, especially as the University approaches the approval of the next budget cycle
 - Mr. Weldon is also interested in the committee compiling an overview of the proposed full-time Sustainability Coordinator position
- Mr. Weldon also suggested that a timeline be established to set goals with an understanding that goals may be hindered limited staff and funding resources initially; therefore, the committee should set goals with the biggest possible impact (for example, paper recycling in offices)
 - For instance, one of Mr. Weldon’s ideas was for the committee to seek making it easier for people to recycle on campus by removing the reasons that inhibit recycling, which may be assuaged by the addition of desk recycling bins or lobby recycling bins

Miscellaneous Recycling Notes

- Current recycling goals include making some sort of recycling bins available in every building, specifically throughout ¼ of the campus by December, 2016.
- President Waldrop approved the purchase of a truck to be used by the maintenance crew to collect recyclables on campus. The truck should arrive on campus within 90 days.
- Mr. Culp then reported that several building coordinators have contacted him pursuing recycling bins in their buildings.

- Following this news, several committee members then reiterated the need for education on the University's stance on environmental sustainability and how the University, through the committee, is providing it's campus with a means to be more sustainable
- One suggestion that arose was to record a thirty second educational/promotional video
- As a reminder, one of the focuses moving forward for the committee will continue to be on education and outreach.
 - A question that arose was: What do these concepts look like for the committee?
 - Of particular importance is consistency in the efforts of the committee; for example, using uniform labeling near multi stream bins throughout campus

Meeting adjourned 3:00 p.m.