

## **University Sustainability Committee**

**July 18, 2019**

**Members Present:** Dr. James Bridgeforth, William Guess, Dr. David Turnipseed, Todd Culp, Dr. Doug Marshall, Diana Nichols, SGA Representative – Jacob Green, Monica Davidson

**Members Absent:** Dr. Glen Borchert, Victor Cohen, Dr. Krista Harrell, Mary Beth Massey, Brad Sanders, Dr. Stephanie Smallegan

**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 May 16, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Sub-committee Chair Reports & Updates
  - a. Victor Cohen: Campus Engagement – Deferred until next meeting.
  - b. Diana Nichols: Marketing & Communication – Diana reported that the cell phone wallets that were ordered to handout to students during orientation are now here. She also suggested that the Sustainability table (during orientation) being combined with Housing table. She will also be working on an annual report for fall semester that will include the committee's projects and the recycling amounts.
  - c. Todd Culp: Operations - Todd reported that the average recycling amount per month is 40,000 pounds. The amount for plastic recycling is less due to the water filling stations that have been installed in several buildings on campus. He is also again placing recycling bins in campus buildings for toner cartridges. The beehive that was at the back of UCOM has (mostly) been relocated. There are still a couple of hundred bees in that area and the Facilities Management Department is working towards relocating the remainder of the bees.

### **New Business**

1. Identifying 3 goals for 2019-20 – Dr. Bridgeforth suggested identifying goals for the upcoming academic year. Dr. Bridgeforth is going to contact Victor Cohen to discuss his Campus Engagement sub-committee planning an event for Earth Day. William Guess suggested that a sustainability program be organized for the new stadium.
2. Annual Report – Diana Nichols is working on an annual report for fall semester that will include the committee's projects and the recycling amounts.
3. STARS Taskforce – Dr. Bridgeforth reported that there since Cecelia Martin retired from the university there is not anyone leading the STARS Taskforce project. Dr. Bridgeforth is going to contact Cecelia's replacement to determine what needs to be done to continue with this project.
4. Residential Sustainability – Dr. Bridgeforth discussed the program that housing has implemented to promote sustainability with students who live on campus. This program includes water conservation and move-out recycling. He will work with

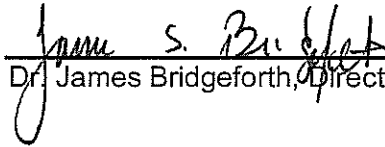
Monica Davidson on these projects.

5. Move-in Day Recycling Operations – Dr. Bridgeforth and Todd Culp discussed the logistics to promote recycling during move-in day. There will be recycling trucks and bins strategically placed in the residence halls area and many volunteers will be needed to assist students and to ensure that trash is not put in recycling containers.
6. Open Floor & Other Discussion Items – William Guess reported that the students have been working in the community garden. The concrete slab for the greenhouse has been poured and the maintenance department will assemble the greenhouse in the next two weeks.

William Guess shared pictures of the wildflowers that have been planted on campus. The wildflower gardens are part of a campus beautification project.

William Guess also reported that NeoWaste is planning on visiting Mobile to meet with city officials and Bunker One.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

  
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Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing