

University Sustainability Committee

April 20, 2017

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Dr. Glen Borchert, Todd Culp, Sabrina de Jong, William Guess, Dr. Krista Harrell, Dr. Doug Marshall, Cecelia Martin, Diana Nichols, Brad Sanders

Members Absent: Sara Boccoardo, Josh Crownover, Ben Hannan, Kelly Rushing

Guests: Dr. Matthew Reichert and Dr. Alexandra Stenson

Call to Order/Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. James Bridgeforth. The minutes for the February 16, 2017 were approved.

Dr. Bridgeforth recognized and introduced the guests, Dr. Reichert and Dr. Stenson.

Old Business:

1. Signs and Posters: Phase one of the sign distribution is complete. Posters are available both in print (with wall mounts) and electronically for campus buildings to use to promote recycling.
2. Updating Membership: Dr. Bridgeforth has made recommendations and hopes to hear back soon regarding membership for the upcoming year.

New Business:

1. Recycling Implementation Plan Update: Bill Guess and Todd Culp have been working to add buildings each month as the containers become available. They have already completed 16 buildings. The goal is to have all buildings on campus completed by May 2018. The movers are picking up recycle daily and taking it to the on campus recycling center. The university is still having to transport the recycling to the Hitt Road Recycling Center based on a lack of their transportation coverage. This is extremely time consuming. The goal is that Hitt Road will be able to pick up from the University weekly. The university is currently producing over 30,000 lbs. monthly.
2. Dining Hall food containers: Food containers need to be rinsed prior to going to the recycle center. Brad Sanders will handle this issue.
3. USA Meadows: Dr. Stenson proposed that the university not cut the grass in some areas to allow the areas to be used for pollination. These areas will be low maintenance. It has been proposed to use the area near the archeology building or the area near the Glen Sebastian Trail as a test area for this project. The committee hopes that this will be viewed as a teaching opportunity. Further discussion was deferred until the committee has an opportunity to discuss this with Gary Carley, Manager of the Landscaping for the University.
4. Community Garden: After further review and discussion the Community Garden will stay at its current location. Dr. Borchert is strongly against the garden being 100% organic. He feels that the garden should be sustainable, not organic. Bill Guess made the following reconditions: the garden should be completely fenced and there should be a storage place for

the garden tools, such as a greenhouse.

5. Sub Committees Report:

- A. Communications: This subcommittee will submit a Mission Statement to the committee for review.
- B. Philosophy: Additional members to be added to this group.
- C. Expansion: Bill Guess and Todd Culp are meeting weekly to discuss recycling.
- D. Community Garden: A list of members will be sent to Dr. Borchert.

For the month of March over 42,000 lbs. were recycled. There is also a confidential shredding company that shreds for the university. The material that is shredded is then recycle, during 11/1/2016-3/15/2017 over 70,000 of material was recycled through this company. Safety & Environmental Compliance recycled over 92,000 lbs. of material. Todd Culp and Bill Guess will create a report to detail the amount of recycling done throughout the campus and provide to Diana Nichols.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing