

## **Sustainability Committee Meeting September 28, 2023**

**Members Present: Monica Davidson, Evan Wilks, Amaya Douglas, Sarah Limer for (Dr. Scyphers), Diana Nichols, Scott Crow, Joel Billingsley**

**Guests: Aaron Wiggs, Jason Strickland and Andrew Partca**

Welcome at 2:06 PM

### **Acknowledgement of Guests**

**Aaron Wiggs Student Garden, Jason Strickland Biology Student Assoc., Andrew Partca SGA**

### **Work Groups**

#### **Marketing and Communications**

**Diana:** Presented a mock up of the Sustainability Website and says the Resources tab is where we can put information for anything pertaining to Sustainability. **Diana** says she is also working on adding a sustainability tab to the University's Main page as well. Gulf Scholars is looking to add their projects to the USA News and have someone add an article of the Gulf Scholars to the Banner as well.

**Joel:** Suggested adding a **WHY Sustainability** tab defining what sustainability is accompanied by a vision statement. Also suggested adding things that students would want to know about sustainability as well. **Diana** mentioned highlighting the How the world is working toward having a more sustainable environment.

**Victor** asked if Student Representatives could draft a report about what information would the student body like to know about sustainability? **Andrew** suggested a survey platform and Diana says we could include a link on the page.

**Jason:** suggested including What you would want your campus to do when it comes to sustainability initiatives as well as **"What does sustainability mean to you?"** in the surveys.

#### **Operations**

No Updates for this work group.

**Scott Crow:** Cardboard is almost finished bailing not quite done for total/numbers from campus move-in.

#### **Academic**

No Updates. Work group still needs a Co-chair for this sub-committee.

## **SGA and BSA**

**Aaron:** The Biology Student Association has a committee for the Student Garden to help get more information about the garden out also looking to appoint a Sustainability Officer for the Student Garden as well. **Jason** stated he wants to build a legacy for the Student garden instead of it switching hands with every new VP. Both Aaron and Jason have plans to reconstruct the garden.

**Andrew:** Campus Cleanup with SGA and other student organizations will be held on October 29 and November 12. He also mentioned they plan to have a Trashion Show/Fashion Show with garments that are made from 100% recyclable materials for Earth Day.

***Amaya President of the SGA along with other student organizations such as the Fashion Club will be sewing a lot of those garments.***

## **New Business**

**Victor:** Earth Day 2024 is Monday April 22, 2024. He suggests rallying efforts towards what students will be doing and think the Fashion Show would be a BIG Event. Says Grand Prizes would be a great incentive and Sustainability Committee could be one of the judges at the Fashion Show.

The BSA will host Nature Walks the Friday before Earth Day. **Diana** suggested having a day long observance for Earth Day. **Amaya** added we could map out all events going on for Earth Day and let the Fashion Show be the Finale.

**Joel** wants to look into engaging with colleges about different things they are doing for Earth Day as well as ask the Deans will they support and display their commitments.

**Victor** asked how early can we present these ideas and start planning? **Diana** stated the press release for Earth Day can be out a couple weeks before the Earth day events.

**Diana** also stated that she will have a plan established to roll out in March 2024. **Andrew** mentioned he will work on planning and will update on those plans prior to roll out as well.

**Victor** talks about the position for Goodwill Easter Seals has been vacant for some years and would like to refresh our position with them or look for another entity. Says he will reach out to Dr. Kent to see what she thinks in hope to get a person on the Committee. **Scott** mentioned there are some limitations with Goodwill as oppose to the City of Mobile when it comes to Sustainability.

**Joel** wants to see about possibly adding a rep from Goodwill and The City of Mobile to the Committee.

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:49 PM**