

University Sustainability Committee

December 15, 2016

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, William Guess, Todd Culp, Joshua Crownover, Ben Hannon, Dr. Doug Marshall, Diana Nichols, Victor Cohen

Guest: Catherine Kelly

Members Absent: Dr Krista Harrell, Cecelia Martin, Dr. Glen Borchert, Brad Sanders, Kelly Rushing, Sabrina de Jong, Sara Boccardo

Call to Order/Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. James Bridgeforth. The minutes for the November 17, 2016 with one correction, Bill Guess (not Scott Weldon) suggested using the Building Safety Coordinators as building leads for recycling initiative.

1. Old Business:

1. Catherine Kelly has been asked to record the minutes and coordinate meeting times and locations.
2. Dr. Bridgeforth has also asked for recommendations for a vice chair to manage the committee in his absence.

2. New Business:

1. Posters: Drafts for the new recycling posters were passed around for the committee to review. The posters will be distributed throughout campus to direct individuals (students and visitors) to the recycle containers.
2. Building Safety Coordinators: It has been suggested to utilize to educate the occupants in the building(s) regarding recycling.
3. Suggested to email and/or meet with deans regarding recycling.
Small bins can be placed in individual offices and all recyclable materials can be placed in the bin(s) and the custodial staff will collect it and transport material to the recycling center on campus. All recyclable material can be placed in the same container and will be sorted at the recycling center. (Recycled material does not have to be stream-lined). Bill Guess recommended against putting all materials in one bin as volume increase this will be problematic for the Recycling Center. Also, bins for empty ink and toner cartridges have been added in accounting and other locations where excessive "copying" occurs.

3. **The Recycling Center is Overloaded:** Due to the recycling center on campus being beyond capacity they will no longer be able to accept materials from off campus (personal recycle materials from homes). Everyone is encouraged to take their recyclable material to the Recycling Center located on Hitt Road in west Mobile.

4. Open Floor & Questions:

It is being suggested that a news story be done to educate the campus community on the importance of recycling and all of the ways the campus is already recycling.

The cafeteria is now using biodegradable materials.

Victor Cohen suggested aesthetically pleasing bins for the Mitchell Center, specifically the John Counts Room.

Bill Guess suggested getting some student workers on work study students involved with the recycling center to help with the overload.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing