

Sustainability Council Minutes

Meeting Title: October Sustainability		Date: 10/14/16	Time: 1:04 pm
Location: Kilpatrick 221	Committee: Sustainability Council		Chair: Brodzik/Hobbs
Attendees: Will Hobbs, Allison VandeVoort, Mark Causey, Lori Strawder, Lewis Steele, Emma Brodzik, Mary Plauche, John Webb, Julia Steele, Donna Bennett, Doug Oetter, Evan Hearn, Cameron Skinner, Kierra Brown, Morgan Arglin, Josefina Endere, Shea Groebner,			Guests: Nathan Lord
Recorder: Will Hobbs		Recorder Email: will.hobbs@gcsu.edu	

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda and minutes	Presenter: Groebner
Discussion: None.	
ACTION: Agenda: Steele motions, Brodzik seconded April Minutes Approval: Plache motions, Steele seconds Sept Minutes Approval: Brodzik motions, Plache seconds	

Agenda Item: Business Updates	Presenter: Strawder
<p>Symposium: Brodzik has confirmed “Z” Martinez, climate change activist, as the keynote speaker. Volunteers are needed on the committee. Groebner suggested confirming with Legal and HR re: reimbursement and travel arrangements. Strawder noted that Theatre group will be performing “Don’t Flush It” during that same week. Need to finalize dates.</p> <p>Budget: Strawder reported approx. \$78,000 remaining in current budget. No increases have been asked for in the student fee meetings. Discussion on using Foundation funds (~\$7500 balance) for Symposium dinner for small group.</p> <p>ENSC Club: J. Steele reported the plant sale is ongoing and multiple local cleanups (e.g., river cleanup with Keep Milledgeville Baldwin Beautiful). The recent camping trip to Raven Cliffs was a success including sorting and recycling items from campground trash bins. Alum, Justina Eberhart will be a guest speaker on Oct 19th.</p> <p>Gardening Club: Vandevoort reported a successful ribbon cutting on Oct 5th. Great promotional time with Dr. Dorman. Workdays have been scheduled and the Council is advised to check the facebook page for dates/times.</p> <p>Sustainability Certificate: Oetter reported the proposal will be reviewed in the COAS Curriculum committee 10/14. Positive feedback thus far.</p> <p>Internships: Strawder reported the need for more interns in the Sustainability office. She would like the Council to consider for next meeting (Nov 11) establishing paid internships for recycling and garden projects.</p> <p>Sustainability & Food Day: Strawder asked for help spreading the word on activities and speakers for this event (Oct 19th and 20th).</p> <p>America Recycles Day: Groebner noted that tabling is set and volunteers are needed. Strawder said that e-waste collection is in process and may be available. Oetter asked if more recycling bins are needed overall and that a clear, well-communicated plan for trash and recycling needs to be established. Groebner noted that the big need is for dedicated cardboard containers that are big. Brodzik has met with Greek representatives and sorted out the availability of recycling bins for special events. Strawder also noted that a new glass recycling vendor is being vetted.</p> <p>Shades of Green: Nov 4-5th, partnering with Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference</p>	
ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteers needed for Symposium. Brodzik will confirm travel arrangements with university legal and HR. - 	

Agenda Item: Project updates	Presenter: Various
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Air Quality: Hearn reported sampling expected to start soon.

Gardening/Compost: Sodexo employee training ongoing. Collection started very soon.

Grey Water: Ongoing

BioDiesel: Evan Heard is now partnered in the project. Still in testing phase.

ACTION: None.

Agenda Item: Possible Proposals	Presenter: Strawder
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Solar Tables: on hold- BikeShare: working on city/county sponsors but little response. Scaling back to on campus only.- Mansion Exterior lighting: no request for funding but a positive project on which to be included.- Campus Kitchen: Steele and Skinner presented their proposal for re-distributing pre-consumer waste from Sodexo. Discussion about \$1200 annual fee to maintain the partnership with Campus Kitchen.- Health Sciences LED: Student will handle usage analysis.- Herty Occupancy sensors: Scaling back to a single floor, classrooms and hallways only.- Herty Solar: Department of Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy will be footing the majority of expenses. Expected Council contribution <\$15,000.	
<p>ACTION: Vote as needed via email.</p> <p>Student Sustainability Fee Committee needs to meet, discuss, and prioritize these proposals and make recommendations to the Council for funding.</p>	

Adjourned 2:10 pm.