Sustainability "Group" Minutes Form

Meeting Title: September Sustainability		Date: 09/09 /16	Time: 1:02 pm		
Location: Miller Court Conference	Committee: Sustainability Council		Chair: Brodzik/Hobbs		
Attendees: Will Hobbs, Allison VandeVoort, Mark Causey, Lori Strawder (phone), Kristen Hitchcock (phone), Lewis Steele, Emma Brodzik, Mary Plauche, Andrew Wright, John Webb, Mark Duclos, Julia Steele, Donna Bennett, Doug Oetter, MacKenzie Truitt, Evan Hearn, Cameron Skinner, Kierra Brown, Lauren Gorham, Morgan Arglin					
Recorder: Will Hobbs		Recorder Email: will.hobbs@gcsu.edu			

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda and minutes	Presenter: Mutiti				
Discussion: None.					
ACTION: Agenda: Steele motions, Vandevoort seconded					

Agenda Item: Business Updates Presenter: Strawder

Retreat Summary from Vandevoort. The marketing plan is being handled by Dr. Sams and her classes over the next year.

Budget: Strawder reported approx. \$127,790.15 current budget. 40% off the top for the projects, 40% discretionary, 20% administrative. The project amount covers all existing projects. Discretionary amount will be used for future projects. \$10,000 taken off the top for the symposium.

Symposium: **Brodzik** reported "Z" Martinez, climate change activist, as a keynote speaker. \$5000 honorarium required though. Volunteers are needed. **Sams** suggested inviting other schools to attend.

ENSC Club: **J. Steele** reported upcoming events (river cleanup Sept 10, glass recycling), GC Sustainability conference Sept 23rd at Emory will be attending (Anyone is welcome), Babe & Sage Crop Mob Sept 23, annual camping trip later in fall.

Gardening Club: Wright reported a workday Sept 10, posted on FrontPage. Official ribbon cutting on Oct 5th at 3 pm with administration, SGA, etc. Working to develop a seedbed on campus to allow moving away from Lockerly. Trying to increase visibility to other depts. on campus (greeks, academic, etc.); reinforce this as GC's garden, .

Sustainability Certificate: **Causey** reported that he and **Oetter** conducted a presentation with College of Arts & Sciences. Funding is the issue for the faculty teaching in the Certificate program. Dr. **Oetter** will teach the first classes. Proposal moving to C&I

ACTION: Volunteers needed. Voted to approve the Symposium keynote

Agenda Item: Project updates

Air Quality: Hitchcock reported the project was capped at 4 students. Kickoff meeting is the next step and get started on research. **Wright** asked if the air quality certification was available to other ENSC students at all. Dependent upon funding.

Gardening/Compost: Wright starting as an intern soon along with another student. Planning to post a sign at the Max for information. **Brown** talked with a provider of wood chips that can provide truckloads cheaply. Training with Max employees will commence shortly, likely by the end of September. **Vandevoort** noted a meeting with stakeholders later this month to finalize arrangements. **Strawder** and Kristen have been at an operations conference that has been very informative.

Recycling: Additional containers have been purchased for West Campus along with can liners to ease the transportation. Additional office bins were purchased. **Emma** headed up the poster initiative. Paid for by this project as well. \$850 left in the budget; will stay in this line account and continue to purchase more bins as needed. More details forthcoming. **Brodzik** and **Steele** met with Lisa Castillo and added recycling bins added to the university resource list so recycling bins can been requested for on campus events. **Wright** asked about some classrooms that have trashcans and are being filled with recyclables. **Strawder** noted that we will have to make a re-

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evaluation of the program.

Grey Water: Plauche is continuing the research and will be spending down 50% of her remaining funds. Remainder will return to Fund.

BioDiesel: L. Steele reported that ovens have been working well. Next step is to make arrangements with Sodexho.

ACTION: None.

Agenda Item: New Business

Presenter: Various

Internships: Hitchcock reported that most students will be helping across projects, teaming together. **Causey** made the point that the "Green Lives Matter" title should be changed.

Campus Sustainability Day/Food Day: Hitchcock – it's now Oct 19-20th. Causey was very helpful in getting a guest speaker on ethical eating, but the time of arrival does need to be set. A variety of vendors will be present, and a variety of activities have been planned. **Wright** asked about tabling for this event – it will be <u>both</u> gardening club and SFC.

America Recycles Day: Hitchcock reported that Mary will be working on this. Event will be held on Front Campus and collecting standard recycling as well as e-waste, glass, etc. Other activities include interactive data table, pledge board, idea board. More details forthcoming.

Shades of Green: Sams reported looking into using paper cups with the logos of SoG and SFC, and including bar codes to track re-use. Looking for a special presentation at the Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference (GURC). Cost shared between SoG Foundation and SFC. Dr. Rosalie Richards will be keynote speaker.

ACTION: Set time of arrival for guest speaker (Strawder and Causey).

Agenda Item: Possible Proposals

Presenter: Strawder

As listed in the agenda, these proposals need students to oversee. Mayme Bouy will be handling the Greenhouse.

ACTION: None.

Agenda Item: Senate Representative

Presenter: Strawder

Strawder was approached about bringing a Senate member to the Council. Oetter, motions to accept the Senate's gift of a representative to the Council. Steele seconds. Unanimous vote.

ACTION: None.