

# Sustainability “Group” Minutes Form

<b>Meeting Title:</b> December Sustainability		<b>Date:</b> 12/11/15	<b>Time:</b> 1:00 pm
<b>Location:</b> Miller Court Conference	<b>Committee:</b> Sustainability “Group”		<b>Chair:</b> Mutiti
<b>Attendees:</b> Sam Mutiti, Will Hobbs, Shea Groebner, Allison VandeVoort, Doug Oetter, Mark Causey, Josefina Endere, Lori Strawder, Donna Bennett, Lewis Steele, Taylor Upole, Emma Brodzik, Mary Plauche,			<b>Guests:</b> None
<b>Recorder:</b> Will Hobbs		<b>Recorder Email:</b> will.hobbs@gcsu.edu	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Approval of minutes	<b>Presenter:</b> Strawder
<b>Discussion:</b> None.	
<b>ACTION:</b> Hobbs motions, Greene seconded	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Subcommittee updates	<b>Presenter:</b> Various
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>SYMPOSIUM:</b> Presented by <b>Steele</b> ... Using compostable utensils. Ponce City Market is still being pursued, keynote not set yet. <b>Groebner</b> suggested redevelopers working on downtown Macon. <b>Oetter</b> suggested Michael Tobias as nature art idea (visiting Newell Scholar). <b>Causey</b> inquired with Naomi Cline regarding her film, “This Changes Everything” but has not heard back. <b>Strawder</b> asked for all budget needs to go through her office.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None.	
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>GARDENING - Vandevoort.</b> No interim needed while Dr. Vandevoort is out on leave this spring. Email contact will suffice. Update on theft incident from fall – no money recovered however, club funds will be tracked officially in future. As of this meeting, the garden was showing green! University staff to care for the garden over the break.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None.	
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>ENSC CLUB</b> – Nothing to report.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Budget Report	<b>Presenter:</b> Strawder
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>Strawder</b> reported \$23,706.96 left in the budget. <b>Greene</b> asked about future income. Expected July 1, 2016: \$63,800 Air Quality project: <b>Groebner</b> met with students and waiting on tasks. Recycling is in Phase III purchases Irwin Street Lighting complete and \$1000 <i>under</i> budget. Composting: Unit arrives on Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> , training on Jan 5 <sup>th</sup> . Graywater is in the final steps. Recycling Phase IV: materials ordered arriving in January. <b>Oetter</b> noted it’s important to get feedback. Other Items: <b>Oetter</b> asked about other possible projects. <b>Strawder</b> mentioned signage, solar film for the chiller plant (to power lighting). In definite need of demonstration projects. <b>Greene</b> noted that budget dollars roll over from year to year so the need to spend down is less. <b>Groebner</b> mentioned that a Homecoming presence would be very helpful. The basketball game is nationally televised this year. <b>Mutiti</b> mentioned t-shirts and water bottles still in “inventory”, ready to be passed out. <b>Hobbs</b> suggested a tent during the tailgate. <b>Strawder</b> noted that a paid assistant is being hired along with additional office personnel and 4-5 internship positions.  Foundation account still has \$3000 from the Maldonado account, reserved for Bikes and Climbing.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None	

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<b>Agenda Item: Sustainability Certificate</b>	<b>Presenter: Various</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>Groeber</b> asked about allowing participation in the Council to count as the capstone experience. <b>Hobbs</b> suggested setting up the parameters for the capstone prior to approving specific programs/experiences. <b>Mutiti</b> will create a draft over break for review in January. Proposal needs to be done by Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> to proceed through the Arts and Sciences curricular review. <b>Vandervoort</b> noted we must get the credit hours down. <b>Oetter</b> mentioned the Sustainability Fellows program to oversee the capstone. <b>Hobbs</b> suggested allowing capstones from other majors to count as long as Sustainability faculty oversee the program.	
<b>ACTION:</b> <b>Mutiti</b> will create a draft over break for review in January.	

<b>Agenda Item: Other Items</b>	<b>Presenter: Strawder</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> The university committee, RPIPC, has asked if the Council would like their endorsement. <b>Mutiti</b> asked if any strings were attached – None. Council agreed to accept endorsement.	
New Web program through wordpress. <b>Vandervoort</b> reported the new STEM club is cooperating with the GC Research Conference.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None	

<b>Agenda Item: Sustainability Reorganization</b>	<b>Presenter: Strawder</b>
<b>Discussion:</b> <b>Groeber</b> asked about voting without bylaws, no quorum. <b>Mutiti/Oetter</b> noted that being in transition means the old bylaws are out so a quorum is unnecessary. <b>Groeber</b> motioned to accept new Council structure. <b>Steele</b> seconded. <b>Oetter</b> asked about new name...Council settled on “Sustainability Council” overseeing the Sustainability Fee Program.	
<b>ACTION:</b> None.	

Meeting adjourned 2:08 pm.