

Sustainability “Group” Minutes Form

Meeting Title: March Sustainability		Date: 3/10/17	Time: 1:07 pm
Location: Kilpatrick 221	Committee: Sustainability Council		Chair: Groebner
Attendees: Allison VandeVoort, Shea Groebner, Lori Strawder, Emma Brodzik, Donna Bennett, Mark Causey, Mary Plache, Andrew Wright, Kristen Hitchcox, Lauren Gorham, Kierra Brown, Doug Oetter, Mutande Tembo			Guests: Elizabeth Carroll, Sofia Sifnaios, Evan Hearn, Ches Chesbro
Regrets: Will Hobbs, Jacob Dietch, Doreen Sams, Julia Steele			
Recorder: Allison VandeVoort		Recorder Email: allison.vandevooort@gcsu.edu	

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda and minutes	Presenter: Groebner
Discussion: No minutes from previous meeting, approval via emails	
ACTION: Agenda: Causey motions, Chesbro seconded Minutes Approval: N/A	

Agenda Item: Business Updates	Presenter: Strawder
<p><u>Budget:</u> Foundation, no change. Submitted request for 1 student to Narrow Ridge spring break program. Office closed all spring break. Garden has spent all of its money. Compost has \$16k remaining, air quality has \$3.1k remaining: will use much of these funds for certifications/trainings. Biodiesel – Hearn recommends scrapping this project due to feasibility concerns. This will be discussed at next meeting. Herty solar panels will be going up during spring break. Need someone to take pictures of this – Hitchcock will contact university photographer.</p> <p><u>Symposium</u> – Brodzik reported that contract has been signed by legal, etc. Dinner reserved at The MAX, menu set and is all vegan. J. Steele reached out to Brita water filters, they donated 500 water bottles – she is also working on advertising. Need to finalize reservations in R25. Please encourage classes to attend! Sams will work on press release and work through university communications. Date is April 20 – start around 5 pm, front campus.</p> <p><u>Environmental Science Club</u> – no update</p> <p><u>Garden Club</u> – Wright reported construction of spiral garden, used surplus bricks. Garden still seeking funds, working on plan. Brodzik recommended SGA Special Projects budget.</p> <p>Hitchcock and Susan Daniels accepted award in Atlanta: Tree Campus USA – received banner and plaque, along with certificate. Result of cataloging all trees on campus and highlighting biodiversity. Must do plantings each year to maintain this – contact Brodzik to have classes/RSOs to do plantings.</p> <p><u>Sustainability Certificate and Mapping</u> – Oetter reports that cert. is at the BOR, awaiting BOR acknowledgement of receipt. Class will be offered next spring. Elizabeth will be working on campus sustainability map. Seeking authors on WordPress site for GC Sustainability. Oetter demonstrated new map. This will have links to GC Wordpress site.</p> <p><u>Hiring Guidelines Committee</u> – Hitchcock reports compiled guidelines at first meeting, including guidelines for hiring recent grads. Questions for council: What is our deliverable? Is due date in April final, or does this allow for discussion? Term length limited to 2 years for student internships. At least half of internships should be current undergraduates, priority given to students. Intern must write standard operating procedure to contribute to legacy. Strawder: This is stand-alone document; graduates may be employed for 1 year after graduation. Groebner expresses support for 2 year term limit on student internships. This will be presented at the April meeting.</p>	
ACTIONS: Oetter and Hitchcock request blog posts for Wordpress site	

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Agenda Item: Old Business	Presenter: Hitchcock
<p><u>Paid Internships</u>: Brodzik has moved to new position, Elizabeth will be taking over this position. Sofianos and Plauche are on recycling. Hearn, Tembo, and Chesboro on compost. Chesbro is in education. Clifford on Garden.</p>	
ACTIONS: None	

Agenda Item: New Business	Presenter: Hitchcock
<p><u>Recycle Mania</u>: halfway through, Mary and Sofia are in charge and doing great. “Caught Green Handed” – get swag from Hitchcock, Plauche, or Sofianos.</p> <p><u>Committee for Sustainability Council/Sustianibility Fee Program Future</u>: Groeber reports that interns will eat up most continuous operating expenses. This committee will address: Is this a good use of the funds? Looking for volunteers to sit on this committee. Wright, Plauche, Hearn. Wright will be surveying students regarding student interest in sustainability. This will take place after spring break.</p> <p><u>Princeton Review/Sierra Club</u> – Oetter reports that we have 32-33 points, which qualifies for Bonze medal, will most likely get us on the Princeton Review list, and we will most likely make Sierra Club ranking as well. Improvements could be made in reporting and policies. Could encourage other entities on campus to adopt sustainability clause. This could be done by a peer-to-peer mentorship program. Would also like updates to C calculator plan. Hitchcock will be establishing green office plan to visit offices by request. Trial pilot with Housing next week. Housing came to us!</p>	
ACTIONS: None	

Agenda Item: Proposal updates	Presenter: Strawder/Brodzik
<p><u>Herty Occupancy Sensors</u> - looking into LED options</p> <p>No revisions on <u>solar golf carts</u></p> <p><u>Bike Share Program</u> still on progress – need permission from outside campus. Must go to local DA to get permission to use them for this program.</p> <p><u>Campus Kitchens</u> – awaiting further research</p>	
ACTION: None	

Agenda Item: Announcements	Presenter: Strawder
<p>Call for Maldinado award soon from Oetter</p> <p>Steele and Brodzik working on tree project – signage for trees including CO₂ sequestration, storm water processing, etc. So far 12 trees – large ones worth \$200-300 per year.</p> <p>Strawder reported partnership with Baldwin High shop classes on sieve for <u>composter</u></p>	
ACTION: None	

Adjourned: **Brodzik** motions, **Wright** seconds.