

# Sustainability Fee Council Minutes

<b>Meeting Title:</b> November Sustainability Fee Council Meeting		<b>Date:</b> 11/11/16	<b>Time:</b> 1:05 pm
<b>Location:</b> Kirkpatrick 221	<b>Committee:</b> Sustainability Fee Council		<b>Chair:</b> Groebner
<b>Attendees:</b> Shea Groebner, Lori Strawder, Chadwick Wilson, Kristen Hitchcock, Emma Brodzik, Kierra Brown, Mutande Tembo, Morgan Anglin, Mary Plauche, Donna Bennett			<b>Guests:</b> None
<b>Recorder:</b> Donna Bennett for Will Hobbs		<b>Recorder Email:</b> donna.bennett@gcsu.edu	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Approval of Agenda and minutes	<b>Presenter:</b> Groebner
<b>Discussion:</b> Without a quorum, motions could not be made to approve Nov. agenda nor minutes from October meeting	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Campus Sustainability & Food Day	<b>Presenter:</b> Kristen Hitchcock
<b>Discussion:</b> Tabling at event will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Various community and campus organizations will be tabling. Recyclables including ewaste will be collected by Newell Recycling (will not include monitors or tvs); glass will be collected by the Environmental Sciences Club.	
<b>ACTION:</b> social media will be used for promotion; flyers will be emailed to council members for distribution;	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Symposium	<b>Presenter:</b> Brodzick
<b>Discussion:</b> Contract for speaker Xiuhtezcatl Martinez (Earth Guardians) has been received, but needs to be signed and returned. Emma will contact academic departments and try to get speaker on syllabi for courses. Speaker is a teen activist who has sued the government, speaks out about sustainability, etc. Event will be held on Apr. 20 during earth week. Cost is a \$5K retainer plus travel expenses. Xiuhtezcatl will stay at the Antebellum Inn. Emma is working with Legal Affairs, about arrangements for pick up from airport. Reception will start at 5 pm. with poster and appetizers, and will be held out doors on front campus. 6 pm performance; (spoken word), with a dinner to follow. Details TBD – but likely 7:30 pm by invitation – perhaps just council and interns; request will be made in R25 but Emma will also go and talk with them in person to make sure that all needs will be met. Jen Sams and others from her institution will have an Eco-Art Exhibit (paid for with outside funding). Doreen Sams is arranging location. Emma will also contact local high schools to increase awareness and hopefully attendance of the symposium.	
<b>ACTION:</b> Emma has it under control, but may request some assistance and additional volunteers.	

<b>Agenda Item:</b> Internships	<b>Presenter:</b> Strader
<b>Discussion:</b> Internships are available	
<b>ACTION:</b> Contact Kristen if interested. Paid Internships will be put on the agenda for the next meeting	

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Agenda Item: Focus on Active Initiatives	Presenter: Emma
<p>Discussion: Emma and Andrew met with SGA president about concerns with involvement and campus response to sustainability initiatives. Students start sustainability projects and then graduate. Once they leave, there may be no one left in charge of various projects. Once a project is successfully launched, there is a need for someone to take it over and keep it running.</p> <p>Strawder - A lot of initiatives on table, office of sustainability has responsibility, but current staffing is stretched thin</p> <p>Shea – student clubs should be doing its own recruiting (ex. Garden club)</p> <p>Emma -- But compost or recycling – how are these initiatives being run? Will need staffing and funding.</p> <p>Emma -- Bike share program is a student initiative, but will need campus support once initiatives are established</p> <p>Emma -- Why are we using student fee to handle the university's waste management?</p> <p>Shea – student fee paid for recycling bins, but did not pay for the labor to handle the extra work.</p> <p>Sustainability initiatives often require extra work for other departments.</p>	
<p><b>ACTION:</b> Year end report should include outline need for and request staff position to act as recycling coordinator, composter, etc.</p>	

Agenda Item: Project Updates	Presenter: Various
<p>Gray Water (Mary Plauche) – findings of this project were presented at the Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference</p> <p>Air Quality (Shea Groebner) – met with Evan last month, sampling procedure is ready. They will be meeting again soon.</p> <p>West Campus Garden/Intramurals – Solar Tables/Stands – 50% voted “no” -- initiative did not pass</p> <p>Health Sciences LED Conversion -- 7 votes for, no against, initiative passed</p> <p>Herty Hall Roof – 8 votes for, initiative passed</p>	
<p><b>ACTION:</b> \$58K remaining balance, new initiatives needed (ex. Electric vehicle charging station)</p>	

Meeting adjourned 1:53 pm.