

MINUTES

Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 7, 2016

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 719

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman called the meeting to order. She thanked co-chairs Misty Smethers and Sallie Spotanski for taking care of committee business while she was on leave.
 - Because the December and February meeting minutes had not been approved, motions were made to do so. Motion was made by Dr. Myles Quiben to approve the December minutes, and it was seconded by Sallie Spotanski. They were accepted unanimously by the committee members present. Motion was made by Aurelio Rodriguez to approve the February minutes and was seconded by Victoria Kay. The minutes were accepted unanimously.
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Announcements

- Electric Vehicle Charge Station: A car charging station was installed in Lot 2 the week of October 19. This charging station was donated to the school. There are future plans to install another station in the MET lot 19 lot in the summer of 2016. We are currently working to get the software working in order for people to use the stations.
 - Lunch & Learn: How to Start an Organic Garden: There will be a Lunch & Learn on April 19th at noon about how to start an organic garden. Speaker from Texas A&M AgriLife Tarrant County will be there.
 - DCCCD Sustainability Summit: Annual DCCCD Sustainability Summit (free admission) will be on Friday, April 15th. If you'd like more details, see Sandy.
 - Fit Fest: The Community Garden will have a booth at Fit Fest on April 22nd from 2:30 to 5pm in EAD Atrium. The Office of Health Promotion is hosting this offer opportunities to get fit outside of a gym.
 - Campus Picnic: Student Affairs is hosting a campus picnic on April 28th from 4 to 6pm on the MET lawn. We are partnering with them to make it more sustainable and to celebrate Earth Day.
 - Clean Air Action Day (CAAD): Save the date for CAAD on June 24th. More details to come in June.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: Planting Day was on March 22, and 30 attendees came. The garden kicked off its donations for the year by making a 20lb donation that day. There are 35 plots, and we are taking food scraps from Saint Emilion Restaurant and using them in the compost. The plots are owned by 30% students, 30% community and 40% staff and faculty.
 - Campus Outreach (LEAP Program): A big thank you to Myriam Martinez-Banuelos for overseeing the program while Sandy was on leave. We have 8 labs participating and we will launch to program to all labs this fall. Labs will receive grants for participation.
 - Recycling: This committee has not met yet.
 - Bylaws Subcommittee meets only when needed.
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Sustainability U Event

- About: This is our "Earth Day Event" this year. It's on Tuesday, April 26th from 11am to 1pm in MET 2nd floor.
 - Details: We are still doing the Upcycled/Repurposed Photo Contest. Four topics will be offered in mini-classes over the course of 2 hours. People must sign up for it ahead of time since seating is limited. There are giveaways for each topic including a water bottle, a recycled, organic t-shirt, portion plate and veggie bag, and bag organizer and pen.
 - Thank you for those who signed up to be volunteers!
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm. The next meeting will be in June 16th at noon in room Everett 291.