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Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 19, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 719

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman, Chairman of the committee called the meeting to order.
 - The minutes were not approved for the April meeting due to the low attendance at this meeting. We will vote to approve the minutes at the August meeting.
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Announcements

- Charging Stations: The Office of Sustainability is exploring the idea of having two charging stations on campus. One was given to us by Nissan and will be installed in Lot 2, and another company would like to install a second charging station where pricing would be handled by a third party. We will most likely install the station in Lot 2 this fall, and the other station will go in Lot 14 next to the Professional Building.
 - LEED Certification in the CBH Building – Facilities is working to get the CBH Building LEED Certified with an Existing Building & Operations Certification. LEED is a green building certification program designed to conserve resources, protect the environment, and amplify human health and well-being. This certification is different from new construction certifications like what the MET Building has. For example, for the CBH we will have a performance period where we measure energy, distribute surveys, track purchasing data, etc. Therefore, we are working on policies for the building. If you or someone you know orders office supplies for the building, please let us know their name(s) so we can contact them. Facilities has had several meetings to engage the building occupants. The performance period will most likely start next year.
 - Solutions Fair – On June 9th, the Office of Sustainability participated in the Solutions Fair here on campus. The fair was for staff and faculty, and we had a booth where we promoted Clean Air Action Day through Air North Texas and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). We had 109 people indicate an interest.
 - The T Master Plan: The T, Fort Worth's Transportation Authority, is conducting a city-wide survey to determine the needs of the city in terms of public transit. We encourage all of our committee members and UNTHSC community to participate in the survey even if they don't ride or ever have ridden. The survey can be found here <http://www.tmasterplan.org/>
 - Wellness Wednesday: The Office of Sustainability participated in June's Wellness Wednesday through the Office of Health Promotion. On June 24th, we held a tour at the UNTHSC Community Garden.
 - Clean Air Action Day: Clean Air Action Day (CAAD) is on the first Friday of the summer each year, and is a program through Air North Texas and the NCTCOG. We encouraged our campus community to do one thing to improve air quality for the health of our community by participating in an action pledge. Over 215 people pledged an action, and we gave out a \$25 gift card to Amazon.com and 15 CAAD goodie bags.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: As of early June, the garden had donated 28 lbs. of fresh produce to a local food bank. We now have compost bins and hope to bin that program this summer.
- Earth Day Event Summary: Earth Day was a success this year! Here are some of the results:

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- 735 Attendees (bags handed out)
 - 325 Passports turned in
 - 79 E-waste donations/entries; earned \$352; recycled 3.93 tons or 7851 lbs.
 - 29 Nissan Leaf entries (drove, rode or interested)
 - 18 compost class attendees
 - 12 Tai Chi participants
 - 202 Veggie van surveys
 - 50 volunteers
 - 31 vendors
 - 6 new organ/tissue donors signups
 - 6 confirmed organ/tissue donors
 - 359 Upcycle votes
 - 21 Upcycle entries
 - Document shredding: 680 tons
- Outreach: The outreach subcommittee is continuing its efforts with the green labs program. It meets in late June.
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Committee Business

- Renewal: If you'd like to continue to serve on the committee for the 2015-2016 term, please either indicate that on the sign-in sheet or let Sandy know. You can transfer to the liaison program if you would still like to be involved but with less time commitment.
- Co-chair and secretary positions: If you'd like to serve as a Co-chair or secretary for the next term, please let Sandy know.
- Bylaws: The bylaws will be updated next meeting for the 2015-2016 term.
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New Business

No suggestions, comments or news were brought up.

Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40pm. The next meeting will be on August 20 at noon in EAD 524.