

Sustainability Committee Meeting

January 21, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 719

About the Committee & Committee Business

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order.
 - Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Myles Quiben to approve the minutes, and Greg Harris seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
 - Sustainability Resources: Just a reminder to follow/like us on social media. Here are the specifics: Facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC. Follow us on Instagram under Sustainable_UNTHSC.
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Announcements

- Environmental Conservation Interest Group Meeting – Next meeting is on Jan. 28th at noon in MET 124. This is a new students group we are partnering with.
 - 2020 E-passes– We sold 15 total E-passes (up almost 50% from last year). The committee contributed \$7,080 and the users contributed \$3,600. Twenty percent were students and 80% were employees.
 - Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) – Sustainability in Healthcare Event: On Nov. 21st we hosted a panel discussion with free lunch on Sustainability in Healthcare as part of GEW. We had 62 of 62 RSVPs and 48 attendees (including 4 panelist, 1 organizer, and 4 volunteers). Thanks to the volunteers!
 - Fun Club Break – Dec. 4th – Per a suggestion on the recycling roll-out team, we are teamed up with Fun Club to advance education on recycling on campus and give information about “greening” the holidays. Thanks to all the volunteers! It was a successful partnership.
 - Student Club Volunteer Opportunity – If your student group is interested in a fundraising opportunity, there is an opportunity on May7-10 to be part of a green team and get paid. Let Sandy know if you’re interested in learning more.
 - Water Station Volunteers – Library – We need volunteers to report water station counts in the library once a month. If you are interested, let Sandy know.
 - Freezer Replacement & Monitoring – The application for freezer replacement will go out the end of January. This enables the replacement of freezers over 10 years old. In addition, we will be installing a freezer monitoring system on campus. More details to come.
 - Coffee Cup Contamination in the Library – Per Brittney’s suggestion (Pharmacy Student Representative), we will be installing an insert on the trash side of the library bins soon to help with coffee cup contamination in the recycling.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is currently renewing plots and currently has 7 plots available. We’ll be prepping for the spring growing season soon and having Bed Prep and Planting days soon. We are continuing to partner with Lena Pope (classes starting soon with the kids), Urban Ag Working Group, North Hi Mount, as well as offering tours as part of the Tarrant Area Garden Tour program.
- Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): We haven’t met recently but are continuing to put together a best practices brochure and working on an equipment/supply exchange for the labs.
- RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Subcommittee – This subcommittee is focusing offering student groups (and later employee meetings) a more sustainable option by having hubs on campus to distribute these materials. In addition, the committee wanted a focus on the service ware in our café areas. Sandy met with the owner, Troy, and we are going to get a cost estimate on what it will take to upgrade to all compostable items. In addition, Troy said he would be willing to do a discount for a reusable mug (since he will be doing away with the refill option soon). He is not very

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- interested in selling his own travel coffee mugs. However, the committee discussed us doing this. Jennifer Cihlar suggested us doing this and Sandy mentioned that perhaps we can do it 2-3 times per year than year round (for staffing and logistical reasons). Tonia Jackson suggested checking out Shopify as an online option where things get shipped out individually. Tonia also mentioned perhaps the cafes having an upcharge instead of a discount. If we sell things, we will need to investigate the credit card option. This discussion also led into talking about the new logo since it might be a good time to have items available on campus. If we do sell items, we will want sustainability messaging on it.
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Earth Day Event & Budget Vote

- Earth Day Event_– Our event will be a fair-type event on Thursday, April 23rd from 11:30-1:30pm. We'll also be collaborating with Crawfish Boil and Primary Care Summit which falls that same day/weekend. Since there are so many anniversaries (Earth Day is 50, TCOM is 50, MedSci is 30, etc., we'll be focusing on the future and innovation).
 - We'll be providing: composting, educational/interactive booths, e-waste recycling, experience room, upcycle contest, fashion show (possibly).
 - E-waste will be 4-6pm to overlap with Crawfish Boil and give people a chance to drop items off as they leave (or come).
 - We'll be doing a post-event survey/follow-up with pledges and possibly a "BINGO" or Go Further activity targeting those who want to go deeper.
 - The committee voted to increase the budget than what was originally proposed (from \$6500 to \$800) because of the multi-event plans. Tonia made the motion and Patricia Dossey seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next meeting is in March (date TBD).