

Sustainability Committee Meeting

October 5, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CBH 240

Welcome & About the Committee

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order.
 - About the Committee: Sandy Bauman gave introductory remarks on the Sustainability Committee, its mission and its goals for the campus. In 2010, the students voted to implement a fee to see environmental/sustainability improvements on campus. This is how we've funded projects. Sustainability is about using our resources effectively with public and environmental health in mind. It encompasses 3 parts including environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic prosperity. It's important to our campus in order to improve our environment, use resources effectively as we grow, ensuring healthy communities, and it can save our campus money.
 - Sustainability in Healthcare: Sustainability in healthcare has gained momentum in the last decade or two. Check out [Healthier Hospitals Initiative](#) and [Practice Greenhealth](#).
 - Committee Accomplishments: This begins the 6th year of the committee. Many of the accomplishments from this committee have been: water stations on campus, sponsorship of the Fort Worth Bike Share, Earth Day Event (with over 700 attendees), UNTHSC Community Garden, Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP), subsidizing the transit passes, and the Sustainability Liaison Program.
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Awards & Recognition

- Sustainability Liaison Program: The Sustainability Liaison Program was created to promote sustainable practices by enhancing our communication, celebrating our successes, and learning where we can improve efforts. The annual individual and department Liaison Awards were presented. The winners were:
 - Julie Schwartz, TCOM, Sustainability Liaison of the Year
 - Institute for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases, Susan Rogers, for the departmental award of Award for Excellence in Sustainability
 - Lab Efficiency Action Program: This is a new incentive program to encourage labs to be more sustainable, safer, and more efficient. Labs can earn rewards (up to \$3000) for their participation. The program was piloted in 2015 with four labs, and launched campus wide in 2016 with the goal of certifying 10 labs in the first year. Six labs were awarded certification at the meeting. They include:
 - LEAP Prime Gold (\$1500 award):
 - UNT System College of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Analysis Core Lab
 - Berg Lab
 - LEAP Prime Platinum (\$3000 award):
 - Biomarker Core (Dr. Sid O'Bryant's lab)
 - Clark, et. al. Glaucoma Lab
 - Jin Lab
 - Schreihofer Lab
 - Congratulations to all!
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Committee Business

- Co-Chairs: We introduced the co-chair, Kim Williams (PA studies), and we voted on Taylor Gray (PA Studies) as the second co-chair. Julie Schwartz motioned to have Taylor co-chair, and Terry Rogers seconded. All present voted to make her co-chair.
- Secretary: Julie Schwartz volunteered to be secretary for the 2017-2018 term.

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- New members: All new members introduced themselves.
 - Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Lorraine Sheldon to approve the minutes, and Mike Hollis seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
 - Budget: The budget for the 2017-2018 term is \$20,000. It is funded through the Sustainable Campus Fee (formerly the Environmental Service Fee).
 - Resources: The committee meets every 2 months and communication will be done through email, newsletters, and Facebook. Please "Like" the SustainableUNTHSC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC>).
 - Bylaws: Changes to the committee's bylaws were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Terry Rogers to approve the changes and David Julovich seconded the motion. The vote carried and the changes were approved.
 - Subcommittees: A sheet was passed around at the meeting asking for ideas for subcommittees to be submitted. The list will be evaluated by the co-chairs and shared with the committee at a later date.
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Announcements

- EV Charging Stations – We added Level II chargers in the garage in place of the 120V outlets. In addition, users will be charged an hourly rate instead of purchasing a permit. See more here: https://www.unthsc.edu/operations/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/Electric-Vehicle-Charging-at-UNTHSC_17-18.pdf
 - Transit 101 – This is a lunchtime event where we teach people to ride public transit. We'll be doing it again on October 20th and the 26th. Sign-ups will be in the Daily News and Sustainability newsletter soon.
 - Food Day: In celebration of Food Day on October 24th, we are partnering with the Tarrant Area Food Bank to host a class on local food. It will be in MET 109-111 at noon on that day.
 - America Recycles Day is November 15th. If you have any ideas on what to do, please let Sandy know.
 - Recycling Signs: We are replacing the signs on the waste/recycling bins soon. We are waiting on the signs to be ready from the signage shop. If you'd like to volunteer to help the Office of Sustainability replace them, let Sandy know.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is well into its 3rd year, and doing well! We passed our donation goal of 400lb for the year! We continue to have a waiting list. We had a work day in September and planted more native plants that attract pollinators.
 - LEAP Program: We have taken 8 labs through the orientation process, and so far 6 labs are certified. We are also advertising financial assistance for freezer upgrades to more efficient models. The ULT Freezer is also out on campus helping labs clean up freezers. Furthermore, replaced 3 freezers on campus with a more efficient model. Our goal for the 2017-2018 year will be to certify 10 labs.
 - Recycling, Campus Outreach, Bylaws: Did not meet.
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Proposal to Subsidize Annual Transit Passes

- E-passes are the annual bus and or train passes that The T's Fort Worth Transportation Authority gives us for a discounted price. They are available to all students and employees, and they run from January to December every year. There are 2 types of passes: Local (Fort Worth buses and the TRE (train) from DFW to Fort Worth, and Regional (entire Metroplex). Our students no longer qualify for reduced fare. TexRail (commuter train from the airport to downtown Fort Worth) should be online and operational at the end of 2018.
- Typically, The T gives us passes at a value of 25% off the monthly price for a year, but once a year we subsidize them to 80% off. The sale is through the month of October.
- The proposal was for the committee to subsidize the passes for \$10,000. Motion was made by Mike Hollis and it was seconded by Kim Williams. The vote carried forward by unanimous approval by committee members.

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Comments & Suggestions

- No comments or suggestions were made.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm. The next meeting is December 5th at noon in EAD 524.