

## Sustainability Committee Meeting

November 12, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. IREB 230

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### About the Committee & Committee Business

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order. New members introduced themselves.
  - Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Sheila Mote to approve the minutes, and Bruce Budowle seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
  - About the Committee: Sandy Bauman again 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 Resources: The committee meets every 2 months and communication will be done through email, newsletters, and Facebook. Our website is [unthsc.edu/sustainability](http://unthsc.edu/sustainability) and the Facebook page is Facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC. Follow us on Instagram under Sustainable\_UNTHSC.
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### LEAP Awards

- 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. Three labs were awarded certification at the meeting. They include:
    - LEAP Prime Silver (\$750 award):
      - Hodge Lab
    - LEAP Prime Gold (\$1500 award):
      - Dr. Lacko Lipoprotein Drug Delivery Research Lab
    - LEAP Prime Platinum (\$3000 award):
      - Kastellorizios Lab
  - Congratulations to all!
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### Announcements

- Service Expo – Thursday September 26 – We had almost 300 people take the recycling quiz, and tripled our Instagram followers. We gave away t-shirts and reusable straws. Thanks to all the volunteers!
- 2020 E-passes Now On Sale – The passes are on sale through noon on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Local passes are \$200 and Regional passes are \$500. Prices go up after the 21<sup>st</sup>, but employees and students can buy discounted ones year round.
- Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) – Sustainability in Healthcare Event: Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> we are hosting a panel discussion with free lunch on Sustainability in Healthcare as part of GEW. Volunteers needed to help with set-up and crowd-control. Email Sandy to volunteer. People can RSVP at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sustainability-in-healthcare-global-regional-and-campus-perspectives-tickets-79012126397>
- Fun Club Break – Dec. 4th – Per a suggestion on the recycling roll-out team, we are teaming up with Fun Club to advance education on recycling on campus and give information about “greening” the holidays. Volunteers needed for one hour slots at 10am, 3pm and 4:30pm. Email Sandy if you can volunteer.

# MINUTES

## Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is wrapping up its 5<sup>th</sup> year, and Celina Esekawu, Community Garden Administrative Associate, gave a background to the garden and update for this year. So far the garden has diverted 257 gallons of coffee grounds this year and donated 146 lbs. to food banks. The anniversary event had over 120 attendees and gave over 60 awards. This next year, we'll focus on eliminating plastic use, partnering with Lena Pope, increasing food waste diversion, and making more donations to the Student Pantry.
  - Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): We awarded 3 labs today. This subcommittee met a few weeks ago and will be working on seeing if a student or student group wants to take control of glove recycling in the anatomy lab, putting together a best practices brochure, and working on an equipment/supply exchange for the labs.
  - RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Subcommittee – This subcommittee is focusing on making lunches, break rooms, meetings, etc. more sustainable and eco-friendly. They will meet soon.
  - Earth Day Event – Our event will be a fair-type event on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, fashion show (possibly).
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## Housekeeping

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