

Sustainability Committee Meeting April 5, 2023

Began @2:05

Intro to guest from Marine Sciences

Approval of minutes @ 2:06pm



Work Groups

Marr Comm

Diana - Earth Day is this month so Social media will be updated

Bill - Two student groups have done Clean ups

SGA doing Maintenances side and Sustainability on East side and will have Lisa to coordinate events

Operations

Bill says plastic recycling up per wk by 50 lbs and 8 tons as of last month. The market rate is down (not making or spending money) Todd has assigned people to track data for records.

Academic and Innovation

Sawyer has no updates for this month for the Academic & Innovation work group.

Planning & Admin

Bill says he has some upcoming activities in the works.

Victor explained workgroup development can help with doing the leg work to Certify w/ STARS

Green Jags

Victor informed committee student rep for Green Jags (Annalise Bonner) has graduated Green Jags activities were suspended but have since merged w/ Biology Student Association.

Bill suggested renaming the Green Jags group. Bill also states the Green Jags has taken pics to post on sustainability website.

Victor and Diana mentioned putting content on our webpage constantly with hopes of mainstreaming to identify Sustainability webpage. We are still looking for a clear place to post about events and have a way where content can be instantly uploaded.

Bill wanted to know who can put the content on the main page?

Diana says Jim controls what goes on the main page.

Dr. Sawyer mentioned she read an article about schools thinking about Sustainability and putting together questionnaires about wanting to identify possible interests within the student body.

Diana mentioned Kelly Rushing will be the one to help with the questionnaire. Says it can trickle down to possible Students finding a University home they would be interested in.

Bill says he will get with Kelly Rushing to assist with questionnaire.

Diana suggest Community Engagement would be a good place to get sustainability information out as well as putting QR Codes on Recycling bins.

Eddie - in for Dr. Wu stated they have recruited 16 Sustainability Ambassadors. They also did a module on sustainability, held competitions, and will have another glass tour @ Recycle Center to observe how to turn glass waste to Recyclable items.

New Business

Victor introduced Dr. Hwang College of HTM

Dr. Hwang Surveyed people who care about sustainability and also health conscious. Hoping to convince eco-friendly containers are the way to go.

Dr. Hwang says results will be updated soon!

Bill asked will or have restaurants taken the survey?

Diana stated she would be interested to know which is truly the best eco-friendly container.

Dr. Chronister Suggested a Visit Mobile presentation for Dr. Wayne's Survey as well.

Victor spoke about MCOB and Student Curriculum. Says Dr. White is currently working on curriculum for sustainability.

Dr. Chronister mentioned funding ADEM, the Storm water Issue and Building 8 or 9 Rain gardens. She says they are looking to recruit teams to sponsor those rain gardens as well.

Scott Crow met w/ engineers and is working out pricing on materials that will absorb water. Say he should have it by the end of next week.

Floor has Opened/ No new topics

Next meeting will be in June

SGA Grad Camille will no longer be here. Committee offers Congrats to the 2023 Graduates

Bill suggested appointment of more faculty to the committee in the near future.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:06 pm