

University Sustainability Committee July 27, 2022

Members Present: Dr. Krista Harrell, Camille Bonura, Monica Davidson, Scott Crow, David Turnipseed, Evan Wilkes, Cori Scherbring, William Guess, Todd Culp, Diana Nichols, Doug Marshall

Guest: Tammy Stubbs & OSPREY Initiative

Call to Order: Meeting as called to order at 9:30 AM by Dr. Harrell

Old Business:

Previous Meeting's minutes were approved by Committee.

Update on work groups: No summer updates at this time

New Business:

<u>Introduction to Osprey Initiative Group:</u> Started servicing Mobile Area 5 years ago. Whole Operation makes it easier to close gap on recycling on campus. Don w/ Osprey suggested offering incentives to the student body campus wide for recycling. Don also explained the process of which their team takes when working big event such as sporting events with simple color-coded bags for recycled objects.

<u>Introduction of Coca-Cola Representative:</u> Tammy Stubbs/ Director of Sustainability Supply Chain & Operations. Has worked for family owned Coca-Cola Manufacturer all her life. Spoke about the Way Coke will make the bottle back program easier by changing Sprite to clear bottles instead of usual green bottles. This process makes it easier to convert bottles into more plastic bottles. By Summer 2023 Coca-Cola should be at 100% PET Bottles.

Marketing/Communications and Engagement:

Cori Scherbring is currently working to get video boards updated.

Diana Nichols also stated that she is working towards more of a social media presence to increase student group participation. Also implement ways to remind the campus that recycle bins are available at the stadiums and other sporting events in the Fall.

Don w/ Osprey suggested putting fun facts about recycling on video screens and or have coaches make a brief video on recycling/bins to play on Jumbo Screens during games.

<u>Operations:</u> Todd Culp Spoke about getting various building coordinators to work with the Sustainability Committee to help be more consistent with recycling on around campus. As of Today (July 27) Operations has recycled between 16 and 20 tons of cardboard around campus

Bill Guess also wanted to address Poster updates for recycling. Bill says that his office does a lot of unconventional recycling and is wanting to find ways to help with removal/ recycling of different metals, batteries, and ink cartridges.

Tammy Stubbs suggested asking the manufacturers for recycling option for ink cartridges.

<u>Planning and Administration</u>: Krista mentioned having more consistency with Recycle Bins and Bin replacement. Also wanting to start surveying facilities on different recycling needs. Krista Suggest doing brief videos to assist with re-education of recycling on campus.

STARS: Krista suggested sub committees to have meeting and come up with plans to approach subcommittee meetings for the year. Krista encourages the committees' participation for AASHE Global Conference on Sustainability in High Education through Live Stream.

Campus Garden/Green Jags: The Committee would like to start having meeting in the Campus Garden in the upcoming fall months preferably October. Also looking to promote use of the solar tables in the campus Garden. Bill Guess stated Student Groups on campus are starting to focus more on upkeep of the garden as well. Scott/ Bill spoke about 20 New Boxes in the campus garden are looking good and harvesting well.

Monica Davis from Housing: Spoke about the upcoming move in days and the need for committee members to volunteer to break down cardboard on the 2 major move in days beginning August 12th-14th. On move in day there will be recycling trucks available for cardboard so there will be a need for people to be located near the trucks to assist. Also, housing will be looking into groups such as South Serves and SGA to help with student move in as well.

Dates for next Meeting TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.