UFSC Meeting 11/13/2015 – 1:00pm – Stadium 410

Attendance

Matt Williams

Rebecca Blazquez

Tara Cataldo

Stella Heekin

Christopher Martinez

Connie Nicklin

Tim Vinson

Les Thiele

Mark Robinson

Theresa Badurek

1. Review of 10/09/2015 Minutes
   1. Minutes unanimously approved by committee
2. Activity & Sub-Committee Notes
   1. Power Management Sub-Committee
      1. Ravi Srinivasan has agreed to chair the Power Management sub-committee
      2. The committee met on October 23rd
      3. Discussed Ravi’s research on power management and usage
      4. Discussed the importance of setting goals
         1. Review research
         2. Review previous initiatives on campus
      5. Committee will focus on what aspects can be managed
   2. Policy & Regulation Committee
      1. Many policies on campus (ex. Green Cleaning Policy) need to be reviewed and updated
         1. The committee will seek to streamline and update these policies with a uniform structure
      2. Part of the Sustainability Committee’s role is to review and write policies to submit to the university
      3. The Office of Sustainability has some policy role, but that role has not been explicitly defined
      4. Mark Robinson will work with David Looney to setup the next meeting
   3. Other sub-committees will be meeting going forward
      1. Mark Robinson put out the call for members to step forward as chairs for the remaining sub-committees
         1. Tim Vinson tentatively accepted the chair for Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
         2. Chris Martinez accepted the Communication, Coordination & Community Outreach sub-committee, specifically for the extension agents
         3. Tara Cataldo accepted the chair for Policy, Regulation & Culture sub-committee
         4. Ruth Steiner previously expressed an interest in the Transportation Committee
      2. Discussion of sub-committee goals and meeting intervals
         1. Mark Robinson expressed a desire to see a brief report from each committee at each monthly meeting of the Sustainability Committee
         2. Discussion of setting goals for each sub-committee to deliver by the end of the academic year
         3. The Sustainability Committee as a whole will be working to define yearly goals that need to be revisited each cycle
3. Office of Sustainability Update
   1. Sustainable Transportation Fair was well received and well attended
      1. Many personal electric and alternative fuel vehicles were present
      2. An E-Ride vehicle is on loan to the university for 30 days for demo among the units needing utilitarian e-vehicles
   2. Vehicle contracts are up and the updated contracts will be released this month
      1. The office will work with Purchasing to develop contracts with other vendors if suitable electric vehicles are not included
   3. Voluntary carbon offsets for commuting is nearly ready for launch
      1. The Peoplesoft interface is currently in demo phase
      2. The offsets will be applied locally through We Are Neutral, a Gainesville non-profit
   4. Carbon offsetting at the institutional level, conversations are ongoing
      1. Our most effective option for reduction of carbon output is tied to conversations intertwined with our steam contract
         1. Additional renewable energy sources may be possible in the future
         2. A review of projects in other states with similar structures to FL’s is underway to determine possibilities
      2. The university has reduced electricity use significantly over the last decade
   5. Game Day waste programs are ongoing
      1. The Tailgator Program will need volunteers for the remaining two games due to lower student involvement and scheduling
         1. Committee members are encouraged to volunteer to assist
      2. Our in-stadium waste numbers are hovering in the mid-sixty-percent range being kept out of the landfill
      3. Oppong Hemeng has been traveling to other schools to observe their game day waste programs for best practices and benchmarking for UF
   6. Fratwoods Clean-Up Project will take place on 11/22 from 1-3pm
      1. This project is part of our Tree Campus USA certification
   7. Les Thiele inquired of Matt Williams which ratings systems UF engages in and where we stand with those systems
      1. We submit to AASHE STARS 2.0, and Princeton Review Guide to Green Schools
      2. Other rankings (e.g. Sierra Cool Schools) typically pull from the STARS data, so we focus there and let the others pull as needed
      3. The submission for STARS 2.0 will be sent in the Spring 2016 semester
4. Other Business
   1. No other business

Meeting Adjourned – 2:00pm