UF Sustainability Committee Meeting

12/11/2015

Stadium 410

1:00pm

Attendance:

Mark Robinson

Tara Cataldo

Matt Williams

Ann Lindell

Chris Martinez

Rebecca Blazquez

Kitty Emery

David Looney

Tim Vinson

Patricia Luis

Connie Nicklin

Theresa Badurek

Ruth Steiner

1. Old Business
   1. Minutes Unanimously Approved by Committee
   2. Review of Sub-Committee Actions
      1. Tara Cataldo updated on Policy, Regulation, & Culture Sub-Committee
         1. Group has assigned specific areas to members and will review progress at January meeting
      2. Tim Vinson updated on Waste Diversion Sub-Committee
         1. Seeking additional members
         2. David Looney expressed an interest in the topic, but stated no expertise in the field
         3. A meeting will be arranged in January
         4. Making a distinction between the goals of this Sub-Com and the Waste Stakeholders Group will be a primary task
            1. Matt Williams will connect Tim Vinson with Liz Storn, who heads that group for the Office of Sustainability
         5. Tim Vinson updated on a conversation he had regarding the restroom paper towel program, which will be expanding soon
            1. On campus composting was also discussed - primarily landscaping waste/cuttings - being performed through wind rows
      3. Chris Martinez said a meeting will be held by the Communication, Coordination & Community Outreach Sub-Committee in January
         1. He inquired for input on pertinent topics for the Sub-Com to address
            1. Chair Robinson indicated a need to create/support a community listserv and to connect with or create a community forum on sustainability topics
            2. Chris Martinez said he would reach out to Thomas Hawkins (former County Commissioner) for information
            3. Matt Williams suggested strengthening the link between the Santa Fe College sustainability program
            4. Discussion of the role of this Sub-Com

Should be a conduit of two way communication between the committee and the community

* + 1. Ruth Steiner discussed the former Transportation Advisory Board that was once convened by the Office of Sustainability
       1. Requested others to step up to a Transportation Sub-Committee in order to make it successful
          1. Tim Vinson expressed interest in participating
       2. Suggested looking into the actions of the TAPS Committee (PTAC) and their alignment with the goals of the Sustainability Committee
    2. Ruth Steiner discussed the appropriateness of the Office of Sustainability's role in academic matters (Prairie Project) since it is not on the Academic side of things

1. Office of Sustainability Update
   1. Gameday Recycling achieved mostly approx 60% diversion overall for the season
      1. Not as high as hoped, but many problems were addressed that should position us for future success
   2. Kill The Cup program was success
      1. UF took first in the nation among participating universities
      2. Rate of reusable cup use went from 4% to 29% during the competition
      3. Greeks Going Green spearheaded the effort
   3. No important dates between now and the next meeting in January
2. Committee Discussion
   1. Discussion of rescheduling January meeting from January 8th, 2016
      1. Committee Voted to move it to January 15th, 2016
      2. Jacob Adams will reschedule and send invitations
3. Other Business
   1. Patricia Luis (Guest staff from Brazil) discussed her home university’s sustainability actions
      1. 6 months ago a committee was formed and has had a few meetings to begin forming a plan
      2. The planning is a mandatory action for all federal universities
      3. She has come to the United States to learn what universities here are doing and to bring ideas back to her university
      4. The committee suggested she discuss these topics with Ravi Srinivasan, Paul Mueller, and Charles Kibert, among others.
   2. David Looney discussed the Pepsi sustainability programming funds
      1. A program at Library West will request students submit ideas for improving sustainability through the library
         1. Winners will be identified and a program will be funded
         2. A student group called the Library West Ambassadors will be assisting with coordination
   3. David Looney also discussed a program to improve efficiency at the exhaust hoods in the dining facilities
4. Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm