Sustainability Committee 3/8/18

Attendance:  
Ravish Paul  
Matt Williams  
John Duncan  
Ariel Pomputius

Phone:  
Lauren Berkow  
Hardev Sandhu  
Liz Storn

1. Approval of 02-08-2018 Minutes
   1. Minutes approved unanimously
2. Office of Sustainability Update
   1. Earth Week events
      1. Paul Hawken as Earth Day keynote speaker
         1. Tentatively, April 9th at 6 pm in the University Auditorium
            1. Details of scheduling are still being confirmed
            2. Subsequent book signing session
            3. Office will purchase several hundred copies of Drawdown: Sustainability Committee members will be receiving copies

Will follow up soon to distribute copies

* + 1. Champions for Change event – April 11th in the Reitz Union Ballroom
  1. FL State Bike Month – March 2018
     1. Some events held in conjunction with the City of Gainesville
     2. Bike to Campus Day – March 30th, 7:30-9:30 am
     3. Community Ride – March 31st, 9:00 am from UF to Depot Park
        1. Town-gown initiative, including Mayor Poe and other administrators from both the city and campus
     4. Cycling Commuter Counseling Service – Led by Jacob Adams
        1. Providing in-depth 1:1 personalized service to connect cycle commuter with resources on-campus, online and in the community
        2. Sign-ups are available online
        3. Open throughout the entire month and may extend past March
  2. Campus Collection Day – TBD
     1. Currently set for April 19th
        1. Date may be moved to May 9nd, week after student finals
     2. Community partners will be involved
     3. More details will follow in April meeting
  3. Soon to come
     1. Transportation Master Plan
     2. Landscape Master Plan
     3. Climate Action Plan revision announcement

1. Champions for Change Review
   1. As of 12:30 pm, 7 total responses
   2. Those present agreed to allow another week for responses – till March 15th
2. STARS Update
   1. Liz Storn
      1. Will clearly define the specific deliverables required for each credit (see page 5)
      2. Library Open-Access Program
         1. Require a copy of the Open Access policies and website link
      3. Research Support
         1. Working on creating brief description
         2. Open to input from the committee
   2. John Duncan
      1. Working within the Reitz Union to tackle specific STARS credits
   3. Matt Williams
      1. Looking to decentralize data collection for STARS
3. OPS Resolution
   1. John Duncan
      1. Brought up in Faculty Senate and provided Sustainability Committee’s recommendation
4. Paper Purchasing Policy
   1. Draft Suggestion
      * 1. Open to input from committee
      1. John Duncan
         1. Would like to determine the X number of years for policy revision
            1. Those present agreed on a value of 2 years
         2. Based on a suggestion from Dustin Stephany, any input regarding including verbiage focused on recycling and minimizing paper use?
            1. Matt Williams - Including language on recycling and minimization may be redundant since it is implicit in sustainability.
      2. Ravish Paul - Expressed concern over the lack of clarity in the draft’s 3rd bullet. What exactly is the recommendation?
         1. John Duncan – We are recommending where paper should be purchased
         2. Matt Williams – Discussion with Lisa Deal will help clarify and add input
      3. Matt Williams – Add POST-consumer recycled content in the first bullet. Supports the WHY for this recommendation
      4. Liz Storn – Do we need to add FSC or SFI?
         1. John Duncan – May make more sense to specify one in the future
         2. Matt Williams – The Office of Sustainability will review both SFI and FSC requirements on a yearly basis
   2. Discussion with Lisa Deal and Steve Neal (Procurement)
      1. The committee was given myUF Market Data on paper purchasing trends (See page 7)
      2. Lisa Deal - After having read the Paper Policy Recommendation, CFO, Michael McKee, will be hesitant to mandate.
         1. There has been backlash when trying to implement purchasing mandates
      3. 30% post-consumer recycled content is still more expensive than virgin paper
         1. John Duncan - Would a mandate lower the price enough to make it competitive to virgin paper?
      4. Prefer offering a choice in purchasing rather than a mandate
      5. May get more offices on board if there is a coordinated effort from both Procurement and the Committee (vs. a mandate)
         1. Highly prefer the use of education via communication and eliminating some options through myUFmarket
      6. Cannot mandate purchasing in myUFmarket
      7. John Duncan – Is it possible to ask our suppliers to use a pop-up box in myUFmarket that suggests sustainable options?
         1. Lisa Deal – Can suggest soft substitution on the supplier sites
         2. Need to work on hotlist
      8. Paper jamming myth of recycled paper
         1. How can we dispel the myth?
         2. Lisa Deal – Different communication methods instead of a mandate. Will need to come from various different communication avenues.
         3. Trade show in November (likely in the Reitz Union) and there will be a “Copy Off” with Xerox solely to dispel this myth
      9. Next Steps
         1. Lisa Deal to discuss the Paper Purchasing Recommendation with Micheal McKee
            1. Explicit in that there is not definitive timeline and there is commitment to this mandate
         2. Potentially rephrasing our suggestion to include LEED and AASHE requirements
5. Other
   1. Building Temperature Policy
      1. Group discussed the lack of formal building temperature policy
         1. Ravish Paul will follow up with examples from other institutions
   2. GreenHealth
      1. UF Health now part of GreenHealth
      2. Does not count towards STARS submission
   3. Solar Power
      1. Group discussed the viability of integrating more solar power onto campus
         1. Matt Williams suggested reaching out to Bess de Farber for additional grant funding
         2. John Duncan suggests creating a committee recommendation for University operational budget to include percentage allocated solely for sustainable initiatives
6. Closing
   1. Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

**STARS Deliverables**

**Open Access Policy:**

* How many of the institution’s research-producing divisions are covered by a published open access policy that ensures that versions of future scholarly articles are deposited in a designated open access repository? (All, Some, or None/Don’t Know)
* Which of the following best describes the open access policy?
  + Mandatory (or mandatory with a waiver option)
  + Voluntary (strictly opt-in)
* Does the institution provide financial incentives to support open access publishing, e.g., a publishing fund to support faculty members with article processing and other open access publication charges?
* A brief description of the open access policy, including the date adopted, any incentives or supports provided, and the repository(ies) used
* The institution’s open access policy (text or upload)
* The website URL where the open access repository is available
* Estimated percentage of scholarly articles published annually by the institution’s faculty and staff that are deposited in a designated open access repository (0-100)
* A brief description of how the institution’s library(ies) support open access to research
* The website URL where information about the programs or initiatives is available

**Support for Student Research:**

* Does the institution have an ongoing program to encourage students in multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability?
* A brief description of the student research program, including the incentives provided and any positive outcomes during the previous three years.
* The website URL where information about the programs or initiatives is available

**Support for Faculty Research:**

* Does the institution have a program to encourage faculty from multiple disciplines or academic programs to conduct research in sustainability topics?
* A brief description of the faculty research program, including the incentives provided and any positive outcomes during the previous three years
* The website URL where information about the programs or initiatives is available

**Interdisciplinary Research:**

* Has the institution published written policies and procedures that give positive recognition to interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research during faculty promotion and/or tenure decisions?
* A brief description of the institution’s support for interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research, including any positive outcomes during the previous three years
* The website URL where information about the programs or initiatives is available

**Library Support:**

* Does the institution have ongoing library support for sustainability research and learning in the form of research guides, materials selection policies and practices, curriculum development efforts, sustainability literacy promotion, and/or e-learning objects focused on sustainability?
* A brief description of the institution’s library support for sustainability research, including any positive outcomes during the previous three years
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Handout from Lisa Deal

