

Sustainability Committee
04-11-2019 12:30-1:30
Reitz Union Rm 2345

Attendance:

John Duncan
Amalya Dhulipa
David Lucier
Hannah Ulloa
Wilcley Lima
Ravish Paul
Ariel Pomputius
Matt Williams
Allison Vitt
Mehmet Genc
Ernesto Escoto

Phone:

Amy Stein
Lauren Berkow
Liz Storn

1. Updates Around the Table
 - a. Lauren Berkow
 - i. UF Health Earth Day is coming up next week
 - b. Wilcley Lima
 - i. Foodservice Master Plan is underway
 1. Good response rate to survey
 2. Expecting a report by mid-summer
 3. Expect to have ITN ready for fall 2019/spring 2020
2. Office of Sustainability Update
 - a. Campus Earth Week events last week were successful overall
 - i. Office will be reviewing the events in the coming weeks and welcomes sustainability committee member input to improve future events
 - b. Collection Day is 4/24 in the O'Connell Center parking lot
 - i. Items accepted can be found at sustainable.ufl.edu
 - ii. Allison Vitt will send out information to committee members
 - c. Jacob Adams has been hired as Campus Bicycle Program Coordinator and will no longer act as support staff for the Sustainability Committee
 - d. Field and Fork Fresh Off The Farm event taking place tomorrow from 4:30-7:00pm
 - i. Food from campus gardens will be available as prepared by UF Culinary Arts Student Union
 - e. We Are Neutral's Earth Day Event is taking place at Depot Park on Sunday

- i. Over 60 vendors, music, food trucks, activities
 - ii. Overlaps with Gainesville's 150th anniversary
 - f. Earth Day at Fresh Food Company on campus takes place on Tuesday next week
 - g. City Bag Ban update - Matt Williams
 - i. City Commission has moved the implementation date to January 1, 2020 to investigate specific details identifying which bags will be banned and how to identify acceptable bags
 - ii. The straw component is still going into effect in August 2019
 - iii. County has had a first reading of their similar ordinance; it was passed last week
 - 1. Second reading expected at next meeting; expected to pass as well
 - h. City Fertilizer Ban
 - i. Fertilizer ban will now be in effect with only February-March open for fertilization
- 3. Elect New Chair
 - a. John Duncan's tenure on the committee ends in August; a new Chair should be nominated and elected
 - b. Provided a brief description of the duties of the Chair
 - i. Will attend infrastructure council meetings
 - ii. Coordinate with Office of Sustainability
 - iii. Oversee Sustainability Committee meetings, agendas, priorities
 - c. Ariel Pomputius; with the current direction of the committee towards the support of a campus as a living lab program, how might the chair's role change?
 - i. Matt Williams; no specific change or achievement expected; should evaluate living lab components, guide committee in reviewing programming, review other campus programs
 - ii. How long is the chair expected to continue in their role?
 - 1. No expectation beyond a single year; new election each year
 - d. Call for Nominations
 - i. David Lucier nominated himself
 - 1. Motion to elect David Lucier by Amy Stein
 - 2. Second by Ariel Pomputius
 - 3. Unanimously approved by the committee
 - 4. Will officially ascend the Chair in August 2019
- 4. Brief Rundown of those rolling off committee
 - a. 4 Senate Appointments
 - b. 2 Presidential Appointments
 - c. 2 Student Government Appointments
 - d. Will send out link to Fora page with details
 - i. <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/University/JointCommittees/Sustainability-Committee>
- 5. Update on Reitz Union Composting Station - Wilcley Lima
 - a. Slides attached

- b. Composting has been taking place in back-of-house dining operations and post-consumer at dining hall locations
 - i. Challenge for Reitz Union is to encourage consumers to effectively sort their compost
- c. Discussion of challenges:
 - i. Packaging
 - ii. Encouraging customer sorting
 - iii. Pickup logistics
 - iv. Funding
 - 1. Some has been provided by Pepsi for sustainability initiatives
 - v. Scheduling
- d. Will implement signage, liquid separation, student volunteers, and social media/online engagement to improve outcome
- e. Program inspired by Carleton University in Ontario, Canada
- f. Location/design; see slide deck
 - i. Will guide customers through 4 steps to properly sort waste
 - ii. Question; what does a “clean” pizza container look like?
 - 1. As in Alachua county, must be free of grease/cheese/food; can tear box apart to recycle clean parts
 - iii. Question: Should bottle caps be removed?
 - 1. Ideally caps should be removed and sorted to the waste bin
 - 2. May install a cap receptacle at the sink station
 - iv. Question: Could this potentially serve as a model in the community as well?
 - 1. Yes a successful pilot could be rolled out to a larger audience
 - 2. Liz Storn; the Office of Sustainability is working on materials for other units on campus to guide better waste disposal
 - 3. In Alachua County there is already online messaging to aid in sorting properly
 - v. Will have educational video slides on monitors mounted near station
 - vi. Will use Leanpath program/hardware to assist in data collection and display
 - 1. Currently being installed in campus dining halls
 - 2. John Duncan: request to install in Arredondo Room
 - vii. Question: will there be any educational materials explaining composting vs recycling?
 - 1. Yes, it will be included in video slides at the station
 - viii. Question: will compostable silverware be implemented?
 - 1. May be brought on for the future, not currently in use
 - ix. Question: Will there be an evaluation of the success of the educational materials?
 - 1. Will be looking at the success of the sorting/contamination rates

2. A waste audit was completed in 2014/15 on the Reitz Union second floor of landfill waste; can compare potential compostable materials with rates achieved by new program
 3. May also be data available from O'Connell Center composting/waste diversion program
 - g. Will be implementing the program Monday, May 13 for start of Summer A term
 - h. Invitation to the committee to organize a tour for members to see the Leveda Brown Transfer Facility to help understand Alachua County's waste system
 - i. Allison Vitt will assist with organization
6. Motion to adjourn David Lucier
 - a. Second Ariel Pomputius
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm