

## UF Sustainability Committee - Minutes

3/17/2022, 12:30-2:30

Virtual Zoom meeting

### Attendees:

**Members:** Ariel Pomputius, Jodi Chase, Flora Iff-Noel, Nancy Clark, Jeff Boissoneault, Elizabeth Mc Alister, Andrew Zimmerman, Matt Williams, Kristin Joys, Cindy Craig, H  l  ne Huet

**Excused:** Jessica-Jean Stonecipher, Leah Locascio, John Duncan

**Guests/Non-Members:** Kaylee August, Liz Storn, Hannah Ulloa

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:32 (**Ariel Pomputius**, Chair)

### Old Business

ESG – Ariel said that the Budget committee is discussing increasing employer contributions to retirement benefits; will discuss ESG next meeting

### New Business

#### [Champions for Change](#)

**Hannah Ulloa** discussed the overall process – she received votes from 10 people through the Google Form that was emailed earlier in the week and has consolidated the responses.

The committee agreed to move forward with the top 2 nominees

- Randall Penn (Sports Sustainability) received 9 votes
- UF/IFAS Homeflow Team received 8 votes

A discussion was held about the next 5 nominees and then the committee was polled for their top 3 nominees.

Final results:

CORE (8/8)

Lisa Haynes (6/8)

Michelle Manfrey & Alex (5/8)

No further discussion was needed

The Committee voted to award these 5 nominees with Champions for change

Hannah said that the next steps are that she is waiting for the Healthy Gators awards. After that, she will send out invitations to all nominees and nominators for the ceremony. The ceremony this year is in person in the Rion Ballroom on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent to Sust Comm.

Winners from the past 2 years will also be invited.

### Office of Sustainability Updates

Dining Contract/ITN process – selection committee has moved forward with Chartwells for the new dining provider. It is currently in the challenge period, although it is posted on the Procurement website. Provided that there is not a challenge from one of the other vendors, UF will start final negotiations next week. Chartwells would begin serving July 1, Aramark contract is up June 30. This contract is for 12 years with an option for a 3-year renewal. **Matt** was very pleased with the sustainability response from Chartwells and has worked with them in the past at a different University with great results.

#### Earth Week

- Showcase Event (April 6)
- Green & Clean event (April 9)
- Speaker Panel after Champions for Change Ceremony (April 12)

#### National Higher Education Climate & Endowment Conference

If you would like to attend, please reach out to OoS and we'll provide you with the information. <https://secondnature.org/2022-summit-page/>

**Flora Iff-Noel** wondered if there were any updates about the energy plant? **Matt** responded that our office has been involved with both communications and the consultant tasked to evaluate the sustainability of the proposals. **Ariel** said that Mark Helms talked to Infrastructure Council again; Ariel couldn't attend but heard it went well and a lot of the questions were answered. Additionally, it was announced at Faculty Senate that Goldman Sachs will be talking to the Faculty Senate to discuss the project. Once there is a date, **Ariel** will be sure to provide information to the Committee.

**Hannah** also provided updates about the UF Climate Action Plan update, including that we have been meeting with many implementers to refine and prioritize the actions. We are also working on communications aspects to better gather input from campus community and gather approval from upper administration.

#### Roundtable updates

**Ariel** – Health Science Center Libraries made Spring Nature Walk guides with featured creatures

#### Meeting Adjourned

**Hélène Huet** motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:19pm. **Andy** seconded the motion.