

01-10-2018
Sustainability Committee
12:30pm
Reitz Union Rm. 2340

Attendance:

Wilcley Lima
John Duncan
David Lucier (add to contact list)
Allison Vitt
Jiri Hulcr
Amulya Dhulipala
Ravish Paul
Les Thiele
Ariel Pomputius
Dustin Stephany

Phone:

Liz Storn
Mehmet Genc
Lauren Berkow
Ravi Srinivasan
Amy Stein

1. Welcome
 - a. Brief discussion of edits on prior meeting minutes
2. Office of Sustainability Update
 - a. Corey Farmer has been selected for the Climate/Carbon Program Coordinator position
 - b. Champions for Change Awards nominations will be opening up soon
 - i. Recognition program for sustainability & health/well-being champions on campus
 - ii. Sustainability Committee reviews sustainability applications and advises on winners
 - iii. Awards ceremony currently scheduled for 4/3, location TBD
 - iv. Committee Members encouraged to identify possible nominees
 - v. Will include recognition for some offices that have participated in GROW program
 1. Brief discussion of GROW program
 - vi. This is an excellent opportunity for sustainability committee's active participation in sustainability on campus
 - vii. Committee members are invited to ceremony and encouraged to attend

- c. Earth Week April 1-5
 - i. Julian Agyeman - proposed speaker (Keynote 4/1)
 - 1. Champion of social justice as facet of sustainability
 - ii. 4/3 - Sustainability Org Showcase at Reitz Union (10a-2p)
 - 1. C4C Awards Ceremony that evening
 - iii. 4/6 Green & Clean Event
 - iv. All information will be featured on sustainable.ufl.edu
 - d. Public comment request for Transportation & Parking Master Plan will be open until 1/18
3. Roundtable Updates
 - a. Les Thiele - has begun meetings with directors of four major campus units with sustainability or environmental focus & undergraduate education provost
 - i. Expects to have names of primary contacts from units by next meeting
 - ii. Is course clearinghouse website ready to launch?
 - 1. Allison Vitt - preparing beta test roll-out to relevant stakeholders
4. City of Gainesville Styrofoam & Plastic Bag Ban and Campus
 - a. Review of prior discussions on campus of plastic and styrofoam bans
 - b. With city-wide ordinance potentially incoming, how will UF address a ban?
 - i. How will the ban affect different populations on campus?
 - ii. Does the committee wish to weigh in at all?
 - c. Liz Storn - Curtis Reynolds has expressed a desire to see campus support the city ordinance
 - d. Les Thiele - recommends inviting a member of city commission or city staff to attend a committee meeting and update the committee on the current status of the ordinance
 - i. Ordinance is likely to be confirmed or denied before the next meeting
 - ii. Liz Storn - Would be value in having a statement from academic representatives within sustainability committee, not simply coming from Curtis Reynolds
 - e. Discussion of possible repercussions and obstacles from committee statement
 - i. Jiri Hulcr - encourages committee to focus primarily on their direct opinion of the policy as opposed to overthinking how to fix possible problems
 - f. Campus already has ban on styrofoam or plastic bags in dining facilities
 - i. Also campus has a similar policy for off campus caterers
 - ii. Established policy is a good starting point to new ban
 - g. Les Thiele - suggests working to craft an informed statement on how a ban could be implemented on campus, as opposed to a less involved statement of general support
 - i. Jiri Hulcr - Could be valuable to offer both types of statements
 - 1. An initial recommendation to stand in agreement with city ordinance and point campus' extant progress in reducing plastic and styrofoam
 - 2. A more in-depth statement to Les' point

- h. John Duncan - need to procure and distribute city ordinance language to committee members
 - i. Committee could perhaps craft a draft policy for campus based on the city language
 - ii. Allison Vitt will send out current draft of city ordinance
- i. Recommendation to craft a statement that the committee is in general agreement with the city's stance and is soliciting additional community input and studying the issue
 - i. Wilcley Lima proposes that the committee engage in additional research and craft a statement before the next meeting with the intent to vote on the language in February
 - 1. Amy Stein agreed with this sentiment
 - 2. Additionally extend invitation to city commission to join
 - a. John Duncan suggests drafting specific questions for committee members to respond to via email exchange
 - b. Les Thiele expressed preference for an in person meeting with a commissioner
- j. Unanimous motion to adjourn 1:27pm