

UF Joint Sustainability Committee Meeting
03-14-2019 12:30-2:30pm
Reitz Union 2345

Attendance

John Duncan
Jacob Adams
Maya Patel
Corey Farmer
Allison Vitt
Ravish Paul
Matt Williams
Wilcley Lima
Dustin Stephany
Ariel Pomputius

Phone

Amulya Dhulipala
Les Thiele
Jiri Hulcr
Lauren Berkow
Liz Storn

1. 02-14-2019 Minutes Approval
 - a. Wilcley Lima moves
 - b. Ravish Paul seconds
 - c. Unanimously approved
2. Office of Sustainability Updates
 - a. Working on events and activities for Campus Earth Week
 - i. Julian Agyeman April 1
 1. Currently scheduling meetings with relevant campus stakeholders during his visit; will update the committee when times are available
 - b. O'Connell Center lot has been confirmed for Collection Day 4/24
 - c. Bike Month Underway
 - i. Introduction to Commuter Bike Maintenance Classes started yesterday 03/13
 - ii. Cycling Savvy has 4 spots left; will take place 3/29-30
 - iii. Cycling Savvy Online launched on Canvas
 1. Can send out sign-up details if interested, please contact Jacob
 - iv. Bike to Campus Day 3/27 7:30-11:00am
 - d. Paris to Pittsburgh Film Screening & Panel 3/22 @ First Magnitude 6:00pm
 - i. Thomas Ruppert, Wendell Porter, Chris Castro will be on panel
 - e. Matt Williams updated that faculty senate address was very well received

- f. Mister Paper & Office Depot Updates
 - i. Procurement working to eliminate foam products from Mister Paper's online catalog
 - ii. Also working with Fisher Scientific to eliminate styrofoam coolers and begin using a reusable solution
 - 3. Champions for Change Selection Process
 - a. 9 committee members have completed their evaluations
 - i. Those who have not are encouraged to complete today
 - ii. Top Votes
 - 1. Gator Dining Services - 8/9 votes
 - 2. Assembly for Action - 6/9 votes
 - 3. Marcela Mulholland - 5/9 votes
 - 4. 5 others have 4/9 or 3/9 votes
 - a. Allison Vitt will set up additional survey to break tie and send out shortly
 - b. Matt Williams; worth considering whether or not someone will be able to win in the future or is at the end of their university career
 - 5. Office of Sustainability can break any additional ties through additional evaluation if needed
 - a. Ariel Pomputius; recommendation to include details on whether nominees are student, faculty, staff affiliated
 - i. Allison Vitt will include in revised poll
 - ii. John Duncan advises to only consider information in nomination
 - iii. Deadline for responses is Monday, 3/18 by noon
 - 6. John Duncan; are any of the low votes worthy of inclusion and additional consideration?
 - a. Wilcley Lima; yes, may be beneficial to consider students who have made smaller impacts but are passionate
 - b. Allison Vitt; valuable to consider those working outside of their university roles to advance sustainability
 - 7. Matt Williams; three weeks to ceremony date; need to ensure nominees are aware of their award to allow them to plan to attend and invite guests
 - 8. Allison Vitt; in some past C4C awards nearly every nomination was awarded; the hope with restricting to 10 total Sustainability and Health & Wellbeing recognitions is to increase prestige of the award
4. Campus As A Living Lab
 - a. Matt Williams presented; Spoke with Amelia Dempere regarding Senate Nominating Committee
 - i. They are interested in allowing committee to shift focus into developing policy and recommendations for Living Lab programming on campus

1. Will give committee ability to review those who have nominated themselves for Sustainability Committee for suitability to advance goal
2. Important to have staff and faculty sides involved
- ii. Maya Patel and Fiona Hogan researched and developed slide deck for this presentation
- iii. Committee is not expected to oversee or create a living lab program; rather to understand how other campuses are operating and provide insight on how campus might move forward
- iv. See Slide Deck (attached)
 1. Key factors in success:
 - a. Multi-stakeholder engagement
 - b. Long-term relationship building
 - c. Clear communication
 - d. Standardized processes
 2. A peer comparison was conducted:
 - a. Most programs are housed at least partially in a sustainability office, or unit with dedicated staff
 - b. Sustainability Committee policy recommendations are included
 - c. Equal operations/academics partnerships
 - d. Associated sustainable living & service-learning course
 - e. Standardized monitoring and evaluation
 3. Lessons Learned
 - a. OOS executed a pilot program with CWC over the last year:
 - i. Identified needs of CWC and courses related to fulfillment of those needs
 - ii. Takeaways:
 1. Value of partner input
 2. Early coordination needed
 3. Evaluation of past projects to guide future plans
 4. Higher level courses tend to be more effective
 - a. Third year and above recommended
4. Exemplary Peer Models
 - a. Excellent evaluation
 - b. Annual reporting
 - c. Transparency of process and outcomes
5. SEEDS Online Tool has been developed with UFIT
 - a. Similar to/modeled after University of British Columbia program
 - b. "Match.com for projects, potential projects and courses"

- c. Maya Patel led brief tour of SEEDS Online Tool
 - i. OOS is still working on identifying and correcting bugs with the site
 - 1. Committee is invited to explore and try out tool to evaluate
 - ii. Match system admin side shows potential courses/projects and allows additional communication
 - iii. Course/project information gathering captures information needed to facilitate collaboration/identification of possible collaboration
 - iv. Additional Information available on home page
 - d. UFIT database development in background has been the most important piece of building tool
- b. Les Thiele; acknowledged hard work of OOS team
 - i. RE: Database aspect - can you provide details?
 - 1. Hosted on UF servers to ensure sensitive data is secure and protected
 - 2. Database frameworks has capacity to act as archival system to track outcomes & deliverables to allow for building off of previous efforts
 - a. Will provide tool to avoid each project starting from step one; allow building on to previous projects
 - ii. RE: Peer institutions - what volume of participation is taking place? How will we drive traffic and participation to populate database?
 - 1. Maya Patel; Cal State has 68 projects, Portland State had 15 projects last year; University of British Columbia has over 1,000 projects
 - a. Numbers cumulative
 - 2. Matt Williams; intention is to ensure that access and advertising is well executed to secure robust involvement and use of the tool
 - a. Les Thiele; important to ensure that participation rate is high
 - iii. Will this tool include professors who may have interns or individual studies projects that are appropriate?
 - 1. SEEDS is not intended to include this type of project; another similar database can be setup by UFIT to track these if desired
 - a. Focused on classrooms to ensure student deliverables are tied to grades
- c. Wilcley Lima; will this tool include historical projects from launch?
 - i. Maya Patel; yes, past projects with students and other experiential learning projects will be included

1. Matt Williams; Katie Indarawis teaches engineering course that is appropriate to include and will be providing information for the database
 - a. DCP Sustainability in the Built Environment capstone projects will be included as appropriate
 - ii. When will this be available for use?
 1. Matt Williams; currently available to begin evaluation by the committee with test/false project information
 - a. Feedback feature is included; encouraged to report issues
 - b. In addition to committee, approximately 20 faculty are also working on this evaluation of SEEDS
 - iii. Has risk assessment been completed?
 1. Because the system is behind Shibboleth log in and developed by UFIT Enterprise Systems it is not needed
5. Round Table Updates
- a. John Duncan; resolution statement from last meeting regarding styrofoam and plastics band has been sent to VP Curtis Reynolds for consideration
 - i. Next month's meeting may be abridged or cancelled due to overlapping meeting taking priority; please keep an eye out for notification
 - b. Wilcley Lima; Food Service Master Plan is underway
 - i. Consultants have visited campus and interviewed senior leadership and focus groups to gather information and ideas
 1. Planning process belongs to Business Services; encouraged to contact Wilcley Lima or Jim Moyer with ideas or to discuss the plan
 - a. Ideally within the next 4 weeks
 - b. Plan expected to reach final draft over summer
 - ii. Sustainability will be prominently featured in the evaluation and implementation
 - iii. Survey will be sent to all students, faculty and staff on 3/25; all are encouraged to participate
 1. Reassured that sustainability will be highly important to the final product but is not featured within the survey
 - iv. Update on Reitz Union Composting pilot; Wilcley Lima holding meeting this afternoon and expects more details to be available soon
 1. Seeking student volunteers to help with project over summer; direct to Wilcley Lima
 - c. Ravish Paul; discussion of house bill regarding FL going carbon neutral
 - i. Committee should consider drafting a statement to petition VP Reynolds to support the bill
 - ii. Matt Williams; a wide variety of bills are coming up this session that may provide opportunities for similar statements
 1. Recommends listening to Capital Report radio show for updates
 2. Wilcley Lima also recommends Miami Herald

6. Motion to adjourn; Wilcley Lima
 - a. Second Ravish Paul
 - b. Unanimously approved by committee