

Sustainability Committee Meeting

06-13-2019, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Reitz Union, Rm 2345

Attendance:

John Lawson
Dustin Stephany
Matt Williams
David Lucier
Wilcley Lima
Ariel Pomputius
Fiona Hogan
Allison Vitt

Debbie Lescault
Ravish Paul
Maya Patel

Phone:

Amy Stein
Terry Harpold
Liz Storn
Ravi Srinivasan

• #GatorsBEATWaste Station – Composting Pilot Update:

- Pilot is underway, Kayla Caselli-Bido (Aramark/Gator Dining) is working to recruit and train student interns/volunteers
- Staff and faculty are welcome to participate and are encouraged to advocate
- Focusing on reducing contamination in the compost and recycling
- Expect to add additional wall graphics soon
- Aramark will install LeanPath scale for collecting qualitative data on compost

- Terry Harpold: Would it be useful to identify workspaces that would be open to participating by bringing their compost or composting at their offices, and/or advocating for the BEATWaste Station?
 - Allison Vitt: Facilities Services provides industrial compost waste bins for UF events, and offices can use the Sustainable Event Certification guide to help plan zero-waste events that incorporate compost. No plans at this time to encourage general campus community to bring compost to the station from home/office.

- Amy Stein: Are campus event planners required to go through the event certification?
 - Allison Vitt: No, it's fairly uncommon for an office to have an event planner which makes it difficult to make this a requirement.
 - Wilcley Lima: Discussed the potential of highlighting composting and the Sustainable Event Certification on the catering website.

- Amy Stein: Can the Sustainability Committee push for a mandated Sustainable Event Certification training, if not the implementation?
 - Liz Storn: Not really, since the Sustainable Event program is a certification guide and process, not a training.

- John Duncan: Could we work with Facilities Services to have a standard compost bag on hand for events?
 - Matt Williams: Waste pick-up varies by Building Services, whereas the Clear Stream compost bags are arranged by and picked up and disposed of by Facilities

Services [through a work order process]. Additionally, the compost bags are not ideal for daily use as they break down in heat.

- **Graduation & Sustainability Discussion:**

- Glitter, balloons, Champagne corks, and streamers have been consistent graduation litter. There are hot spots across campus (such as at the gator statues and main entrances of campus) that accumulate large amounts of litter.
 - David Lucier: What can campus do better to educate graduates?
 - Fiona Hogan: Potentially integrating something in the graduation checklist and reminders
 - Wilcley Lima: Explore including info in the series of emails sent out to parents/family about graduation
 - Allison Vitt: The UNLITTER group has made an effort to provide alternatives to common graduation litter via social media.
 - John Duncan: Could we include resources and information when students buy their cap and gown? Could students buy alternative products from UF (i.e. at the bookstore)?
 - Wilcley Lima: Will look into the possibility of the campus bookstore to sell sustainable alternatives.
- **Action item:** Ariel Pomputius will write a draft committee proposal focusing on education and alternatives of common graduation litter for review at the July meeting. David Lucier and Amy Stein will help review the draft proposal.

- **Roundtable Updates:**

- Ravi Srinivasan: Organizing an international workshop
 - ACM Workshop: Urban building energy sensing, controls, data analysis - November 10, 2019 at Columbia University.
- Allison Vitt: Will be coordinating the Sustainability Committee moving forward. Look for updates via the listserv rather than the previous Outlook email list.
- Matt Williams: UF is coordinating with the City on integrating electric scooters
 - The City Commissioners will hear the new ordinance [in late July] on allowing three scooter companies, each bringing 200 scooters as part of the pilot program.
 - The University will have a separate contract with each with the ability to withdraw if need be.
 - Jacob Adams from the Office of Sustainability/TAPS will be the main contact.
 - There is potential for UF departmental use in an official capacity.
- Terry Harpold: Organizing a local panel event
 - Climate Crisis: An Intergenerational Discussion

- Hosted by the NAACP Alachua County Environmental and Climate Justice Committee on August 8, 2019 at Thelma Boltin Center, 10 am – 2 pm
- Wilcley Lima: Dining Service Master Plan
 - Will be incorporating sustainability aspects as a key part of the plan
 - Exact details will be forthcoming
- Ravish Paul: Facilities Services has updated the control standards to now integrate a minimum energy requirement
 - Working on one net-zero building, Building 546
 - Looking at using solar and solar heat on the VRF HVAC
- **Meeting adjourned**