

## Sustainability Committee Meetings

7-11-19, 12:30 – 2:30 PM

Reitz Union, Matthews Suite

### Attendance:

Matthew Williams

Corey Farmer

Allison Vitt

Liz Storn

Fiona Hogan

Wilcley Lima

John Duncan

Dustin Stephany

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Ravish Paul

### Phone:

Amy Stein

Liz Storn

Lauren Berkow

### Non-members/Guests:

Debbie Lescault

- **Committee operations**
  - Wilcley Lima: Motion to approve minutes; approved unanimously
- **Update on Committee graduation litter-reduction proposal**
  - No updates on proposal that Ariel Pomputius (not present) had agreed to draft with David Lucier and Amy Stein to review. Postponed until Ariel is able to attend.
  - Wilcley Lima: Has discussed options with the bookstore to replace celebration materials (glitter, balloons, streamers) with sustainable (biodegradable) options. Looking for recommendations on specific products.
- **Roundtable Updates**
  - John Duncan: Alachua County will be legislating a ban on single-use and Styrofoam plastics alongside the City of Gainesville to be enforced Jan 2020. While UF does not have to adhere, the campus is also moving in that direction
  - Wilcley Lima: Showed new paper bag bookstore will be using. Costs 10x as much as plastic bags. Seeking grants or sponsorships (have reached out to larger corporations such as Nike)
    - Allison Vitt: Does the bookstore automatically bag things or ask if a bag is needed?
      - Wilcley Lima: With the new more expensive bag, they will be asking
    - Allison Vitt: Would it be possible to offer a discount for bringing your own bag or other possible incentives to reduce consumption of bags?
      - Table-wide discussion of different options including modelling the Lucky's bag/donation incentive, surcharges for paper bags, and possible impact of marketing dollars for researchers.
  - Dustin Stephany: The installation of solar at Bruton-Geer to take place within the next week or two.

- Amy Stein found funding to install initial 5kw on top of building, then more funding for this second expansion. Allowed for total production to be quadrupled. Intentionally laid out to be highly visible.
    - Amy Stein: This was well-timed alongside the law school renovations.
  - Dustin Stephany: Seeking feedback on temperature setback policy that was pushed up to VP's office by this committee – No response yet, but VP responses to the official committees are often done as a batch several months later.
  - Ravish Paul: There will be an exploratory meeting to discuss using Google Intelligence to optimize drain systems and increase savings throughout the chilled water system by 20%.
    - Vet Med building complex study to optimize 2 of those buildings to reduce energy consumption. Funding to evaluate controls, air handler replacements, etc. Potentially involving more buildings (separate) to reduce energy.
  - Dustin Stephany: New parking structure [Garage 14] next to wastewater treatment (expected completion February 2020) is going through sustainable certification with third-party that looks at parking structures specifically (ParkSmart). There are wayfinding and placemaking criteria. Open to feedback on placemaking.
    - Table-wide discussion of possibilities for signage on sustainability that reflects environment (Lake Alice – land preservation, wastewater plant- reclaimed water)
- **Office of Sustainability Updates**
  - Allison Vitt: Discussed the Sustainable Event Certification and process for requesting composting bins for events.
    - **Follow-up**: Send details out to entire Committee.
  - Allison Vitt: The Sustainable Transportation Fair is tentatively scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM. Waiting on confirmation from Business Affairs and will confirm in next Committee meeting.
  - Matthew Williams: STARS credits being finalized. Targeted deadline before Fall semester. Will share with committee in Fall.
    - Liz Storn: STARS June 30 deadline was pushed back due to challenges in obtaining data
  - Allison Vitt: E-scooter contract is on the horizon but has not solidified.
- **Other Updates**
  - Lauren Berkow: Has been asked to present to CEO's Management Forum with department chair about sustainability initiatives in UF Health areas.
  - John Duncan: Discussed the potential for the committee to evolve with new members and new leadership as David Lucier shifts into the position of chair.
  - Dustin Stephany: STARS data-mining process opened up great conversations on campus. There is interest in revisiting the Green Cleaning Policy and Dustin is working with Housing to look at comparisons.
    - Liz Storn: Please run this through our office so we can offer input on current implementation of the policy.
    - Matthew Williams: This may not fit well into the purview of the LEED coordinator. Offered to discuss further who might be the appropriate responsible party.
- John Duncan: Motion to adjourn
  - Wilcley Lima: Seconded.

Motion carried, meeting adjourned.