

University Sustainability Committee

Academic & Innovation: No new updates but has a new Faculty member in her department from Germany. Says Germany is really good with recycling and says she will pick their brain to come up with some ideas.

Bill: Informed Carol about Student Groups that really want to be involved such as Marine and Environmental Sciences.

Planning & Administration: Bill Still working on getting reports updated. MCOB Representatives not present at the meeting but Bill has sent them measurement reports.

Victor: There are people all over campus that are doing things with sustainability but we need one place that is visible where everyone can tap into.

Green Jags: Bill says they have sent him some reports about their activity in the Student Garden. They have been to the Food Bank and put in an order for supplies for Spring. They have been reporting to Scott Crow directly. Scott says they have taken over the Student Garden and are only asking for pine straw. Scott has also proposed doing an area around the perimeter of the Student Garden once we get wildflower seeds in.

Bill: Stated Biology student Association has joined with Green Jags

New Business:

Introduction of Shenghua Wu Ambassadors for Solid Waste Sustainability

Shenghua: Ambassador Program researches how we can make best use of recyclables. It is an EPA Funded project good for one year. The Hub includes 4 faculty members with 4 modules. Explained how the Ambassador Program produces and provides training for college students on sustainability. They will have a 2-day camp with about 20 High Schools students, allowing them to visit USA's campus for hands on experiences with sustainability. Hopefully the program can get more funding to continue after 1 year. Shenghua has put out fliers around campus to recruit Ambassadors. He also stated the Society for Sustainable Energy had a meeting as well in hopes to help with recruiting.

Victor: Brought attention to the different sustainability web pages that multiple groups have.

David Turnipseed and Victor suggest we come up with a way to link all the different web pages together on the main Sustainability web page.

Dr. Sawyer and Shenghua Both stated different Universities take a very small portion of student fees and use them to fund sustainability projects. Brett agrees a portion of student fees may create more student presence on USA Campus.

Dr. Sawyer: Wants to look into soliciting proposals to Faculty on creating Environmental Scholarships as an incentive for students as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM

Dates for next Meeting in February TBA.