

SMU Sustainability Meeting
12/9/09 Minutes

Approval of November minutes

- Motion: Bonnie Jacobs; Second: Jesse Miller
- Motion Passed

Green Purchasing Policy Update – Michael Paul

- Still in limbo as a procedure is still being established for proposing new or changing policies
- Michael Paul will ask Chris Casey if our proposal can be an example or pilot to go through procedure

Education and Outreach Subcommittee Update – Kim Cobb

- Committee provided feedback on wording of signs to be posted with new recycling containers
- Kim to update and work with Eric to get posted

Recycling Subcommittee Update – Eric English

- 300 have placed; In process of ordering 200 more to place in the rest of campus buildings
- Committee feedback
 - May still need to pick up old containers
 - Not all are placed next to trash cans – may want to work on that
- On December 14, 11 am, a recycling vendor is doing a presentation
- Question asked about outdoor recycling containers: only provided during special, large events like the Boulevard. Have a new policy that if you order a trash can, you also get a recycle can.

Recyclemania Subcommittee Update – Kevin Salfen and Andrea Fernandez

- Applying to be part of Competitive Division this year
- Wanted to confirm support of Committee – received affirmation from group
- Focus on two categories:
 - Per Capita Classic (amount recycled per each staff, student, and faculty member)
 - Targeted Materials (for cardboard)
- Focusing on targeting four areas of campus
 - Greek Life – want to have a competition between the houses; members will count and report number of bags (will be on honor system). Andrea to attend meetings to introduce ideas to the chapters. Still working on incentives, but thinking about either points (needed to register social events) or funding to refurbish house to make it more environmentally friendly.
 - Residence Hall Competition – 2 week competition. Will work with Cori and E-Reps to coordinate
 - Building Managers – have set a meeting for December 11 to get other campus buildings involved and supporting the competition.
 - Dining Services – will work with Kami Gantt. Have a meeting set up to discuss with her.
- A dance major is interested in working with Andrea on a “Trash Dance.”
- Publicity
 - Can order 15 large posters from Recyclemania
 - Can get PDF from web site to make our own
 - Justin Black is working on a Facebook page and personalized SMU publicity
 - Andrea Fernandez is working with Jordan Chlapecka at the Daily Campus to have an article at the beginning of the competition and publishing weekly updates
 - Looking at the idea of some sort of “meter” that updates progress towards overall goal. Suggested doing a slide or electronic one – can post at Hughes Trigg and in Dining Services locations.

Carbon Action Plan Subcommittee Update – Michael Paul

- Showed committee a spreadsheet that summarized the main features and commonalities of the example CAPs that have been reviewed.

- Discussed that more people will probably be needed. Suggested using Environmental Studies majors as part of their Senior Project.

STAR process – Michael Paul

1. An AASHE program
2. Michael said he would send out the electronic manual that fully explains the process
3. The process is set up like LEED projects
4. Michael showed a summary of what points we have already obtained based on current practices
5. Would work with Climate commitment

Student Updates

Andrea Fernandez – Awakening the Dreamer meeting on Friday, December 11