

**SMU Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

Bonnie Jacobs, John Ubelaker, Stanley Stubblefield, Melissa Humanson, Jack Benage, Jordan Chlapecka, Cori Cusker, Richard Owens, Darin Ford, Patrick Cullen, Michael Paul, Robert Taylor, David Liner, David Randolph, Terry Conner, Kim Cobb, Justin Black, Al Armendariz, Daniel Liu, Michael Sizemore, Hannah Kolni, Michael Vangeli

**Approval of February Minutes:**

Approved with one correction by Bonnie Jacobs: It is the National Council for Science and the Environment (not Center).

**Minutes:**

- The proposed Committee Bylaws were discussed with recommendations made for revisions. The bylaws with suggested revisions are attached for review.
- An update on Recyclemania was provided by Cori Cusker.
  - Data was shared regarding the top ranked school, some of our peer institutions and SMU as of week 6. Our numbers aren't at the top of the list, but they don't put us at the bottom either!
  - The Environmental Society will be doing stake signs across campus after Spring Break and is still hoping to have an event at the flagpole. They also tabled outside Hughes Trigg to give students information about Recyclemania.
  - The competition ends on March 28.
- Jack Benage provided an update on upcoming Earth Day events on behalf of Jaimie Siegel.
  - Earth Day is April 22, but Barefoot on the Boulevard will be held on Saturday, April 25.
  - The event will have live music with local bands and a variety of booths with green and environmental friendly themes.
  - Jaimie and Bonnie Madely are also collaborating with Joe Macchia in the Learning and Community Involvement office. LCI will be hosting a movie night on Friday night (April 24). The movie will be *Wall-E*.
  - Kim Cobb ([cobbk@smu.edu](mailto:cobbk@smu.edu)) with Public Affairs has requested that an email be sent to her with all the details once everything has been finalized so that she can help promote.
- Due to time constraints, Cori Cusker ([ccusker@smu.edu](mailto:ccusker@smu.edu)) requested everyone email SWOT information. Information will be compiled and presented at next month's meeting.
- Earth Hour was the final topic and was introduced by Michael Vangeli.
  - Earth Hour (<http://www.earthhour.org/>) is a worldwide event that originated in Sydney, Australia on March 31, 2007 when Sydney turned out all city lights as a symbolic act to draw attention to the concerns over global warming.
  - This year's will be held on March 28 from 8:30 – 9:30 pm.
  - The Mayor of the City of Dallas announced today that Dallas will participate in this event.
  - Dean Bowen of the Meadows School of the Arts had contacted Michael Paul to inquire as to whether or not SMU could participate.

- The primary factor of consideration is the security issues with turning off all or the majority of the lights on campus. It was agreed that this is not realistic and would require a huge concerted effort of SMU employees and volunteers.
- Ideas were discussed for a symbolic event that could still allow SMU to participate and support the event. The final proposal that is being actively pursued with Michael Paul taking the lead is:
  - We will promote voluntary participation across campus (and at people's homes).
  - We will work on turning off the porch lights on Dallas Hall and the fountain lights in front of Dallas Hall
  - Dean Bowen will be contacted about perhaps having some type of musical performance on the lawn to kick off the event and draw people out.
  - Kim Cobb said there is not enough time to media outreach, but that she would pitch having it added to the front page of the SMU website.
- The SMU Sustainability Committee will be the sponsor.
- Students for a Better Society or another student organization will explore the possibility of tabling outside Hughes-Trigg to promote the event
- The event will also be promoted at the next Student Senate meeting
- A vote was taken and everyone was in favor.
- Public Comment/Discussion Time:
  - Several questions were raised, but the meeting was already over the hour mark, so they were tabled.
  - How do we decide to purchase energy sources?
  - Where can the recycling bins go because the Fire Marshall yelled at them in Dedman College for obstructions in the hall?