

SMU Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2009

Approval of April 8 meeting minutes.

Executive Committee Nominations:

- The Executive Committee didn't meet. Members contacted by e-mail, for nominations for Committee Officers.
- Attendees for May meeting: – Mike Paul, ~~Cori Cusker~~, Bonnie Jacobs, Dr. Ed Forrest, David Liner, Eric English, Melissa Humason and Sarah Rincon
- Elected members for 2009-2010 – Chair, Mike Paul, ~~Chair-Elect~~, Cori Cusker, ~~Environmental Studies~~, Bonnie Jacobs, Dr. Ed Forrest, Kimberly Cobb, David Liner, ~~David Liner~~ and ~~Student~~ Tiana Lightfoot (Note: I struck through student and environmental studies because it didn't say what everyone represented. I would go one way or another.)
- All nominations were approved.

New Members:

- There are 26 members –According to Bylaws.
- If you do not attend meetings, the committee can vote you out.
- Increasing the membership can be approved by the majority.
- ~~Vote at Members, two people to be nominated, Eric English, present, Andrea Hernandez, not present.~~ Two members were nominated: Eric English for Member at Large (present) and Andrea Hernandez for Environmental Society student representative (not present)
- Eric is an alternate for Robert Taylor. He is also ~~over~~ responsible for all recycling efforts on the campus and on the Recycling Committee for SMU.
- Andrea is President of the Environment Society for 2009-2010.
- Both Eric and Andrea ~~a~~ accepted by the committee vote, as new members.

Campus Activities:

Current - Barefoot on the Blvd., was a success. No problems, had food and drinks.

Future - Focus on one good event. Ideas:

- TXU wants to bring in trailer, for Earth Day. Talk about Energy Efficient.
- Maybe be first on the list for next year event. Decide early
- Earth Day on Saturday or on Earth Day.
- University of Texas had put out a two page newsletter
- Fun run, concert, earth day reading, Faculty and Staff awards, for sustainability
- Suggestion to have another day for a fall weekend with no football game.
- You could have it on a Friday night before a football game
- Maybe for fall 2010 to start a fall event.

Links to Texas University.

<http://www.uta.edu/sustainability/> - UT Arlington

<http://www.sustainable.unt.edu/> - UNT

<http://www.themesemester.tcu.edu/index.asp> - TCU

<http://www.baylor.edu/sustainability/> - Baylor

<http://sustainability.rice.edu/> - Rice

<http://www.utexas.edu/utilities/sustainability/> - UT Austin

<http://sustainability.tamu.edu/> - Texas A&M

Other Subject:

- E-Mail will be used, starting early summer, to plan for Fall.
- Sub Committees Formed:
 1. Recycling - Recycle Containers on Campus. Think out about handouts for recycling. Have some sample trashcans. Label the trash cans for the events.
 2. Purchasing
 3. ~~Communications~~ Campus Education and Outreach- Formal Handout on all different Areas. Everyone will check or if anyone has anything to add to our Sustainable list, please let Michael Paul know or send it to him by e-mail. Kimberly can gather all the information and put together 2 or 3 pages.
 4. Energy Efficient
- Orientation Ideas - Mustang Monday, Part of ARRO – 12 Sessions, Orientation Vendor, and Vendor Fair.