

SMU Sustainability Committee  
11/11/09 Minutes

Approval of October minutes

- Motion: Kevin Salfen; Second: Stanley Stubblefield
- Motion Passed

Al Armendariz's appointment to the EPA

- Congratulations to him!
- Unfortunately, this means we will need to identify a replacement for him on the committee as he is taking a leave of absence
- His committee appointment is one of the Provost's appointments. Ed Forest will submit replacement recommendations to Provost Ludden for approval.

Sustainability Day Report: Kim Cobb

- Because it rained, it had a last minute move to Umphrey Lee RForC. This move actually helped its success with the captive audience at lunch.
- A big thank you to Michael Paul and his staff, Aramark, and everyone on the committee who came out to help or support the event
- Environmental Jeopardy was a big hit
- Green Minute video contest was also successful: Aleksandra Gawor was awarded first place. Her video is on the SMU webpage
- Brad Sutton has agreed to show the video on the Jumbotron at a home football game
- Nice article about the event in the Daily Campus
- Recommendations for next year:
  - Build on success of this year and make more sophisticated next year
  - Invite Al to be a featured speaker
  - Reserve Hughes Trigg Commons as early as possible – per David Hayden, should be able to book in February

Photovoltaic Array at Central Plant: Michael Paul and Kim Cobb

- Working on a news release for the installment
- Will be used for educational purposes
- Suggested submitted to AASHE for their weekly digest of news

Purchasing Policy Update: Michael Paul

- Has been submitted, but in a holding pattern
- Administration is working on a procedure and guidelines for submittal of policy proposals
- Waiting to see how that will impact our proposed green purchasing policy
- Final approval would have to be granted by Board of Trustees

Recycling Subcommittee Report: Eric English

- Waste audit conducted on November 4
  - Took pictures
  - Junkins and Patterson had lots of contamination and also lots of stuff that should have been recycled instead of thrown away; Embry was pretty good
- Recycling tour was successful – also took pictures
- Looking at food composter for Dining Services
  - Would remove dumpster to make space – it would be 48 x 36 (about size of large ice machine)
  - Looking at how to use compost water in landscaping
  - Ed Forest asked if feasibility research had been done. Response was: yes, in process.
- Have started placing new recycling containers on campus – pulling inconsistent ones as the new are placed

- Terry Connor reported that he had a meeting with Coca Cola 2 weeks ago about their contract and their recycling containers
  - Provided feedback that we probably would not want them as we working towards having consistent containers across campus for branding purposes and they would be unable to provide enough for the entire campus. We want to reduce confusion so that everyone knows what to look for from building to building.

#### Recyclemania Subcommittee Report: Kevin Salfen and Andrea Fernandez

- Committee has been reviewing ideas and notes from last year.
- Some ideas that are currently under consideration are: a Trash Dance; Junkyard Wars with Meadows making recycled art; regular column in Daily Campus with updates; Facebook page; working with residence halls as they return from Winter Break to promote recycling; Footsteps leading to recycling bins in large campus buildings; Greek Competition
- Do teaser in December, but wait until January to really promote
- Posters – make our own? Use official ones that can be ordered from website? How many do we need?

#### Carbon Action Plan Subcommittee: Michael Paul

- Distributing CDs to committee members with examples of other reports
- Provided reports of identifiable schools
- Have adjusted the name to reflect trend observed of “carbon action” instead of “carbon neutral”
- Many of the plans are very long and detailed: 50 – 200 pages
- Many of the reports are very polished and professionally designed

#### Student Representative Updates

- Andrea Fernandez: Awakening the Dreamer will be two separate dates. The one for high school students will be Tuesday, March 16 from 10-1 in Hughes Trigg Ballroom. University date will probably be closer Earth Day and has not been determined yet.
- Chloe Kempf: Barefoot Boulevard is slowly being worked on and currently in the process of talking to sponsors and securing donations.