

SMU Sustainability Meeting
2/10/10 Minutes

Approval of December Minutes

- Motion: Kevin Salfen; Second: Betsy Del Monte
- Motion Passed

Membership

- Bonnie Jacobs provided updates
- Attended Faculty Senate and requested nominees for new members. Dr. Elaine Heath in the School of Theology and Dr. Joshua Tate in the Law School were nominated and agreed to serve.
 - Motion to approve as new members: Kim Cobb; Second: Betsy Del Monte
 - Motion Passed
- The Provost appointee will be Dr. Khaled Abdelghany from the Engineering School
- Also a recommendation was made for a new Member at Large: Pat Van Zandt
 - Motion to approve new members: Tiana Lightfoot; Second: Bonnie Jacobs
 - Motion Passed
- The webpage will be updated with current membership
- Minutes will also be posted to webpage

Purchasing Subcommittee

- Terry Conner provided an update regarding vending contracts. Currently, RFPs have been submitted by both Pepsi and Coca Cola. Coca Cola's includes an energy management system and two recycling events. As incumbents, they would not necessarily replace current machines with more energy efficient machines. Pepsi's is a more macro proposal. The main micro feature is Energy Star machines.
- Currently in negotiations. One of the main priorities is how much money comes back to SMU.
- Michael Paul provided an update on the proposed purchasing policy. Per Chris Casey, it will be under the old rules for review and approval by administration. Need to do some finalizing of the document with Terry Conner.

Campus Outreach and Education Subcommittee

- Update provided by Kim Cobb
- Working on ways to create a presence at points where we are welcoming new faculty, staff, and students. The goal is to let them know that processes and policies exist, provide the basics, and direct them towards further resources and information.
- Have questions about potential giveaways – **WE STILL NEED INPUT.**
- We are looking at possible promotional items that would actually be used by the audience that they are being marketed to that would also provide the basic information we want to convey.
- Want student input from students.
 - No student committee members were present to provide feedback, so will have to do some follow up.
 - Will also ask E-Reps, and Bonnie Jacob said she would send a query out to her student list.
 - If you have student workers, please ask them what they would use or like.
- For Faculty and Staff – we discussed the following ideas. **STILL NEED INPUT**
 - USB Flash drives
 - Reusable shopper bags
 - HR Wellness Points
 - Seeded bookmark with SMU sustainability information
 - Per Michael Paul, there is potential for funding.
 - Other ideas or feedback? Please send your input to Kim Cobb

Recycling Subcommittee

- Update provided by Michael Paul for Eric English
- Finished audit of recycling and trash
- Working on a Recycling Ambassador program

- Will be looking for representatives to be proactive in promoting and educating about recycling
- Ambassadors would be the resource for their department or building
- This would be a program for faculty and staff
- Bonnie Jacobs commented that she was excited to see the new blue bins in buildings.
- Still having issues with recycling and trash containers being in close proximity to one another.

Recyclemania Subcommittee

- Update provided by Kevin Salfen
- Publicity
 - Posters made and distributed.
 - Facebook page made
 - Ben Alexander has been doing networking
 - Struggling with Daily Campus responding
 - Tuesday is free ad space for student organizations
 - Right now there is a featured article on the sustainability webpage
 - Need an event to have a feature on SMU homepage
- Eric English has been providing the data to report. Can go to the webpage to monitor the competition: <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/index.htm>
 - Last date for competition is March 27
 - Our numbers that we are reporting are less than last year, but last year's may not have been as accurate
- Recommend starting planning even earlier next year, especially if want to get Greek students involved
- Outreach:
 - Tabled outside of Hughes-Trigg on January 28. Having an event by the flagpole on February 2: How to make recycled paper
 - Hard to find interested parties to promote or sponsor events
 - Met with Cori and the E-Reps to talk about outreach in the residence halls
 - Trash Dance will be March 26 – Kami Gantt with Aramark has agreed to donate food
 - There is 6 ft tall thermometer on display at Umphrey Lee
 - Encourage members of committee to promote and create awareness for colleagues (faculty and staff)
 - Suggestion made by Kim Cobb: have a spring cleaning event and have everyone clean out their files

Carbon Action Plan Subcommittee

- Update provided by Michael Paul
- Three proposals have been submitted by two different companies for assistance in gathering data and creating a carbon action plan.
- All three will be submitted to the full committee for review and recommendations