

## SMU Sustainability Committee Meeting

November 9, 2010

In attendance: Tiana Lightfoot Svendsen, George Holden, Kevin Salfen, Robert Taylor, Kim Cobb, Mary Balogh, Jessie Hart, David Hayden, Patrick Cullen, Michael Paul, Rick Halperin, Pamela Braula, David de la Fuente, Michael Marr, Josh Tate, Kelly Malazo, Chris Mavros, Sara Ringon, Bonnie Jacobs, Elizabeth Oliver, Jake Torres, Kim Lewis, Betsy del Monte, Niraj Bhagat, Pat van Zandt

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Sustainability Spotlight

- a. Kim Cobb's display case in Hughes-Trigg
- b. Patrick Cullen's change copy settings for campus

### 3. DOT

- a. Watch short video on DOT: "small change in your daily routine that makes you happy"
- b. What makes you happy? Little things you do? "Nanopractices" Daily Routine + Personal Passion = DOT
- c. few minutes to write DOT on colored circles.

### 4. Pledge: everyone pledges to be environmentally responsible

### 5. Group Goals:

- a. CAP
  - 1. Lots of it done, contracted out
  - 2. contractor at Southern Mississippi, waiting for their proposal
  - 3. goal to have something by late fall/early spring to present to the committee
  - 4. carbon-neutral football game
  - 5. GH: asks for explanation
  - 6. MP: Bonnie pursued, talked to Provost, Coach was fine with it
  - 7. carbon-neutral event: recycling, carbon offsets
  - 8. MP: assumed sellout game, travel to/from game; lots of the estimates come from offset company
  - 9. CAP: university carbon neutral in 20 yrs.
  - 10. Quote is \$1200 for carbon-neutral game; \$5K had been budgeted
  - 11. BdM: explanation about offsets
  - 12. October 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 13. BJ: Univ. Wisconsin-Madison, Eco-Ambassadors helping at game
    - a. RT: we're doing this already on boulevard
  - 14. Approve as goal? Unanimously passed

- b. Vote on Green Cleaning (MP)
  - 1. may be only location in country w/house-keeping green-building certified with honors
  - 2. Approve as goal? Unanimously approved

- c. Purchasing (Sarah Rancon)
  - 1. Terry Connor's design being adopted as "guidelines"
  - 2. Office Depot has excellent pen recycling
  - 3. still difference in price for recycled paper: spring?
  - 4. price for recycled paper is coming down
  - 5. brought everyone biodegradable pen
  - 6. Approve as goal? Unanimously approved

6. Confirm Subcommittee Meeting Times/Group Updates

- a. Recycle/Recyclemania

- b. Green Service Subcommittee

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month

- c. CAP

- 1. Jake is co-chair of CAP

- d. Education

- 1. 10-11am Fondren West 113 (Sept 2)—knowledge of SC & what SMU is doing
  - 2.

- e. Outreach

- 1. KC: spread word
  - 2. Green minute video contest
  - 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Hughes-Trigg lobby

7. Events:

- a. Green Minute Video Contest & Vote

- 1. E-reps, various people volunteer to spread word about contest
  - 2. TEDxSMU
  - 3. last year's winners part of WFAA project
  - 4. on jumbotron last year during game; probably this will be done

again

- 5. top 3 on YouTube
  - 6. Approve goal? Unanimously approved

8. AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)

- a. Jessie & 10-12 student slots available for AASHE
- b. 5 tweets about sustainability
- c. Jessie giving two presentations
- d. no out-of-pocket expenses for a student

9. Project Green Submit (Bonnie Jacobs)

- a. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>: 7pm (Hughes-Trigg)
  - b. non-profit environmental fair, intro & SMU sustainability overview, business leaders' panel, student leaders' panel
  - c. 1.5 hrs.—non-profits still there
  - d. Approved unanimously
- 10. Tapped
  - a. "Greendrinks"
  - b. Tiana will have table there
- 11. Green Festival
  - a. Sept 18, event for families (3<sup>rd</sup> annual), 9am-2:30pm
  - b. if there are no takers, MP & TLS will probably give it a pass
- 12. TLS opens it up for questions
  - a. Where do we send the pens?
  - b. Take pens, contact Sarah, shipping label, to Terracycle, university gets 2 cents a pen
  - c. Campus Sustainability Day

Adjourned at 3:52.