

MINUTES of SMU Sustainability Committee

Meeting date: 09/19/2012

Call to order: A regular meeting was called to order Bonnie Jacobs, Chair of the SMU Sustainability Committee was held in SAMSA Conference Room, Hughes Trigg SC on. The meeting convened at 11:55 A.M.

Members in attendance: Darin Ford, Lisa Wall, Chris Mavros, Leslie Hurley, Jewel Lipps, Jennifer Smith, Beverly Johnson-Wells, Jack Foote, Kim Cobb, Keya Davani, Sarah Rincon, Jomita Fleming, Betsy del Monte, Eric English, Bonnie Jacobs

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by [name], and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

General Discussion:

Meeting Dates for future Sustainability Meetings: Reminder of approved dates. All remaining meetings will be in Blanton, 112.

General Meetings:

Wed. Oct. 24

Wed. Nov. 14

Wed. Jan. 16

Exec. Comm. Meetings:

Wed. Oct. 10 -

Wed. Nov 7

Wed. Jan. 9

Open Issues:

- Theme and Actionable Goal for this Academic Year:
 - Marketing Slogan: Last meeting approved Sustainability Means U as slogan. Keya has a suggestion to make the words circle the “U”.
 - Bonnie presented possible goals, emphasizing the idea to collaborate with Groundwork Dallas [groundworkdallas.org]
 - Small non-profit focused on the Trinity River Forest (Great Trinity Forest)
 - Aimed at educating and connecting at risk youth by engaging high school students in “Green Teams” to learn and work at outdoor learning centers around the Trinity River Forest, and the Corridor.

- Linking with this non-profit would serve multiple purposes for SMU
 - Engaged learning opportunities for SMU undergrads
 - Committee could partake in trail development course, and trail development
 - Committee could engage with engineers without borders who have already contacted Peter Payton to work with Groundwork Dallas
 - Service hours for SMU students
- Kim likes the marketing possibilities
- Lisa Wall suggested showing film about Trinity River Forest, produced by KERA and possibly having a speaker to go with it

Action Items:

- Chris Mavros volunteered to ask creative person in his office to come up with a way to design the Sustainability Means U slogan so the words circle the letter U.
- Lisa will look into the film and speaker availability.
- Bonnie and Executive Committee will work with Groundwork to come up with achievable goals for the year.

New Business:

- Approval for committee to purchase an iPad (\$520) as a single prize for the best 1-minute video; Motion of Betsy and 2nd of Eric English
- Change By-laws: Create a regular committee position for the SMU Sustainability Administrator. Discussion concluded this was an acceptable idea and voted in favor.
- Recycle Containers: Keya notes that new and prospective students want to know why they do not see recycle bins around the grounds (outdoors). Bonnie mentioned this subject comes up repeatedly, and as a consequence received a memo from Keith Gardner with estimates for new recycle bins outdoors and indoors (to be added to Residence Halls), but the cost is high. Bonnie will share memo with Keya, Keith, and Eric English to see how they may work together with each other and the committee to get the necessary containers.
- Barefoot on the Boulevard: Jennifer Smith stated that funds were needed to supplement the project and gave an overview of what the project was about and continues support. She will take the lead by addressing the Student Senate to ensure funds are requested in time this year. She will be lead on event development.

- Election of new Committee Members. All the following moved and seconded that they become a part of the committee in the following categories:
 - E-Rep: Gwen Carris
 - Dedman College Student Representative: Jewel Lipps
 - Lyle School of Engineering Representative: Leslie Hurley
 - Environmental Society: Keya Davani
 - 2 other spots open for Students [Senate Rep]
 - SBS: Jennifer Smith
 - Still need Community Garden Rep, Community Engagement & Leadership Office Reps

Motions:

- Nomination of Kevin Dillard accepted to fill Sustainability Administrator position; Motion of Lisa Wall and 2nd of Betsy del Monte

Other Business:

- Engineering and Humanity Week: Betsy del Monte told us about ideas for a contest in which students must build a structure that has a rolling ball and that also informs the viewer with regard to a particular theme.
- Betsy emphasized that this year they want the entire campus to be engaged with the event.

Action Item:

- Send email to members to see which of the Subcommittees everyone wishes to join, if they have not already..

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. .

 Secretary
 [SMU Environmental Sustainability Committee]

 Date of approval