

Sustainability Committee Meeting

December 13, 2016

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 524

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman, Chairman of the committee called the meeting to order.
 - A motion was made by Dr. Bruce Budowle to approve the minutes and Dr. Myles Quiben seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
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Committee Business

- New Members: The new members of the committee that were present at the meeting were introduced and given a chance to introduce themselves.
 - About the Committee: Sandy Bauman gave another brief introduction about the committee since this was the 2nd meeting of the term. Sustainability is about using our resources effectively with public and environmental health in mind. It encompasses 3 parts including environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and economic prosperity. It's important to our campus in order to improve our environment, use resources effectively as we grow, ensuring healthy communities, and it can save our campus money.
 - Mission & Accomplishments: The mission of the committee is to promote sustainability with the campus community and larger Fort Worth area and support our university's mission of creating solutions for a healthier community. The committee acts to advance sustainable practices on campus, enhance communication, provide suggestions, and vote on campus initiatives. Many of the accomplishments from this committee have been: water stations on campus, sponsorship of the Fort Worth Bike Share, Earth Day Event (with over 700 attendees), UNTHSC Community Garden, Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP), subsidizing the transit passes, and the Sustainability Liaison Program. The committee meets every 2 months and communication will be done through email, newsletters, and Facebook. Please "Like" the SustainableUNTHSC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC>).
 - Budget: The committee's budget for the year will be \$25,000. It is funded through the Sustainable Campus Fee (formerly the Environmental Service Fee).
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Announcements

- Electric Vehicle Charge Station: The dual port station in lot 19 is operational and 2 spots are reserved for EVs. The outlets are operational as well, and 2 spots are reserved until 10am. See [more information on the flyer](#) or our website: <https://www.unthsc.edu/operations/sustainability/transportation/>
- Transit 101: We gave 2 lunch times where we'll be teaching people how to ride the buses here in Fort Worth, and it was a success. We had 24 people participate, and we'll look at doing it again next year.
- Food Day 2016: Food day is a day to bring attention to our food system and what we eat. Our event was on October 27th, and a professor from TCU did the talk on food insecurity in Fort Worth. It was a success with over 70 people attending which is the most we've ever had for an event like this.
- E-Pass Results: In October we voted to subsidize the 2017 E-passes up to \$10,000. This year we sold 21 passes (40% increase from last year). Seven students bought them and 14 employees. The committee contributed \$8,100, and the users contributed \$4,050.
- Air North Texas Award: The UNTHSC won the Outstanding Outreach Award through Air North Texas, a regional air quality improvement campaign through the NCTCOG. We accepted the award at a meeting in November.
- Office of Sustainability Intern Update: Rebekah Downing, our intern and part time employee for 2.5 years, left us to work for the Office of Communication. We wish her the best and are proud of her!

MINUTES

- Sustainability Video: The new video is now posted to the website on our homepage. Check it out here: <https://www.unthsc.edu/operations/sustainability/>
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is going strong with over 250 lbs. of produce donated this year so far. We are also doing 2 donations to the Student Food Pantry on campus. We're also helping UNT Denton establish their own community garden. We have a word day scheduled on Saturday, October 22nd if you are interested in coming.
 - Campus Outreach (LEAP Program): See above Awards & Recognition for information about LEAP. Help is needed on this committee for those interested.
 - Recycling: This committee did not meet.
 - Bylaws Subcommittee meets only when needed.
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Comments & Suggestions

- Hadis, School of Public Health Student, made a few suggestions including:
 - Signage about paper use at the copiers
 - Signage about paper towel use
 - Working with Four Star to promote reuse
 - Breaking down waste to minimize volume in bins
 - All of the above can be addressed in the Campus Outreach Subcommittee.
 - Energy use of handicap doors opening. Sandy will speak with Randall Christopher (Energy Manager) about this.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:35 pm. The next meeting is TBD.