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Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 14, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 514

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman, Chairman of the committee called the meeting to order.
 - A motion was made by Brett Shell to approve the minutes and Dr. Bruce Bodowle seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
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Announcements

- Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to email Sandy anytime or bring them up in meetings.
 - Motorcycle Parking – We addressed the comment from last meeting related to motorcycle parking on campus. The campus has a few designated spots, but motorcycles can also park anywhere on campus. Police informed us that since parking for motorcycles is already low, they won't discount them further. If anyone has a suggestion for a company to approach about discounts for UNTHSC for mopeds, please give that to Sandy.
 - Ten On Tuesday - There is a new ad campaign called 10 on Tuesday where everyone is encouraged to pick up 10 pieces of trash every Tuesday. Great way to clean up the city and the environment.
 - Water Stations: The two new water stations were installed in RES 2nd floor and MET 4th floor. We now have 26 water stations on campus and have kept 610,941 bottles out of the landfills.
 - Charging Stations: The Office of Sustainability is exploring the idea of having two charging stations on campus. One was given to us by Nissan and will be installed in Lot 2, and another company would like to install a second charging station where pricing would be handled by a third party. It has not been decided if we will allow the second charging station to be installed. We are getting quotes for the electrical work required to install the stations. We're exploring pricing options for charging on campus.
 - Vanpool: The UNTHSC van pool is unfortunately going away due to low ridership. Sustainability will still promote the van share and we will hope to get more vans in the future.
 - Cowtown Cleanup: was March 28th and we had about 25 people and picked up 11 bags of trash and 1 bag of recyclables.
 - My HSC Days: There will be an alternative transportation flyer given out at new student orientations, and we'll need a few volunteers to man the sustainability booth so please contact Sandy if you can volunteer. Also if you have ideas to promote the booth please send them to Sandy.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden had a successful Build Day with 9 new plots added and we now are allowing community groups to become involved. The response has been great. Nine more plots will be added in the Fall of 2015. The Community Garden has been featured in the UNTHSC Solutions News about things not know about HSC. Also wildflowers have also been planted to the left of the garden.
- Earth Day: This subcommittee is currently working on the 2015 Earth Day Celebration. The Earth Day event will be on April 23, 2015, from 11-2 in the MET. Please pass out the flyers that you can pick up after the meeting. This year the Earth Day Event will focus on food and the environment and how they relate to each other. We have 50 volunteers and many vendors participating. There will be E Waste recycling, shredding, Nissan Leaf Test Drives, and a Veggie Van. There will be many booths to visit and this year we will have cooking demonstrations, a nutrition table, a green cleaning table, and Blue Zone will be here and we will have the upcycle contest. The food will be served in eco friendly

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bowls and you will need to get 3 stamps to eat and you need to bring your own cup to get a drink. The Tarrant County Master Gardener's will be here and will teach a compost class at the community garden, and there will also be a Thi Chi Demo sponsored by the Office of Health Promotion.

Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm. The next meeting will be in June (time and place to be announced).