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Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 20, 2015

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 524

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman, chairman of the committee called the meeting to order.
 - The minutes for both April and June were approved with no changes. Sallie Spotanski motioned the approval, and Betsy Friauf seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
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Announcements

- Charging Stations: The Office of Sustainability continues to explore the idea of having two charging stations on campus. That station given to us by Nissan will be most likely be installed in Lot 2 this fall. The second station will be handled by a third party company and will be installed after Lot 14 is redone.
 - The T Master Plan: The T, Fort Worth's Transportation Authority, is conducting a city-wide survey to determine the needs of the city in terms of public transit. We encourage all of our committee members and UNTHSC community to participate in the survey even if they don't ride or ever have ridden. The survey can be found here <http://www.tmasterplan.org/>
 - Rain Barrel & Compost Bin Sale: Fort Worth residents can buy a rain barrel and/or compost bin. This is a service provided by the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) and the City of Fort Worth. Click on the link to learn more. If you'd like to see the rain barrels in person, we have the same model at the UNTHSC Community Garden located on campus at 3621 W 7th St. (unthsc.edu/communitygarden). You must purchase by September 7th. [Click here for more details.](#)
 - Reduced Fare for Students: Just a reminder that students qualify for reduced fare pricing for public transit. They must have an ID made through The T. If you know of students who are interested, have them contact the Office of Sustainability or visit our website <https://www.unthsc.edu/operations/sustainability/transportation/> for details.
 - Orientations: The Office of Sustainability participated in new student orientations and gives out the New Student Guide to Sustainability. It has brief information of what we recycle on campus, alternative transportation, the sustainability pledge, etc. If you need hard copies, please let Sandy know or you can [find it here](#).
 - Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Mural Painting: Keep Fort Worth Beautiful (KFWB) will be painting a mural at Panther Island Pavilion here in Fort Worth on Saturday, Sept. 19th (time to be determined). No painting skills required. If you're interested in volunteering, let Sandy know.
 - Food Day 2015: Food Day is a day that encourages Americans to eat healthier and advocate for healthy, sustainable food policies. Last year we worked with Community Relations and the Office of Health Promotion and are looking to again this year. As of now, the Office of Sustainability will show a documentary screening of Food for Thought, Food for Life (~20min) with a Q&A afterwards. This will take place on Tuesday, October 20th at noon in MET 109-111.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: As of early August, the garden has donated 102.75 lbs. of fresh produce to a local food bank. We now have compost bins and are collecting food waste from Four Star Café. We have our final Build Day on Saturday, September 26th at 8am where we'll be adding the final 8 plots, filling them with soil, and mulching the paths. If you're interested in volunteering, let Sandy know. A light breakfast and goodie bag will be provided. Also, we are painting a mural at the garden on October 10th (tentatively). The design has been approved by Facilities and Communications.

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- **Campus Outreach:** The Lab Efficiency Action Program or LEAP is coming along. A brochure, checklist, guidelines, and registration sheet has been created. The program is a new incentive program encouraging labs to be more sustainable through efficiency, conservation, safety and collaboration. It's a voluntary program where labs earn points for doing certain things in categories such as energy efficiency, waste reduction, etc. We'll eventually award labs grant for participating and earning different levels. The plan is to pilot a few labs this fall then reassess in the spring time. We'll launch the program campus-wide in summer 2016. If you know of any labs that might want to participate in the pilot, please let Sandy know.

Committee Business

- **Accomplishments:** This meeting concludes the third year the Sustainability Committee has been on campus. Here are our accomplishments this year:
 - Subsidized 23 E-passes
 - Helped fund Fort Worth Bike Share
 - Funded installation of a new water station on campus (MET 4th floor)
 - Planned and conducted the 2015 Earth Day Event (see June minutes for that summary)
 - Community Garden added 11 plots, rain barrels, and composting. Now community members garden with UNTHSC employees and students.
 - Developed LEAP (green lab program; see above under Campus Outreach). Pilot will start this fall.
- **Budget:** The budget ended as follows with \$6000 left (we'll roll that over to next year):

Sustainability Committee 2014-2015 Budget		
Category	Description	Total
Tools		
<i>Bike Share</i>	We have a 3 yr commitment; this is the 2nd yr	\$ 5,000.00
<i>2014 E-Pass Subsidy</i>	We voted and approved in October.	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Water Station</i>	We voted and approved one in December	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Earth Day</i>	We voted and approved budge in February	\$ 8,000.00
SUBTOTAL		\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL 2015 BUDGET		\$ 25,000.00
TOTAL LEFT FOR 2014-2015		\$ 6,000.00

- **Bylaws:** Updates for the bylaws were discussed. Sallie Spotanski motioned to accept the changes and Brent Shell seconded the motion. All members approved. The bylaws will be in effect for the 2015-2016 Sustainability Committee term from September 2015 to August 2016.
- **Co-chairs & Secretary:** Sallie just completed her first year as co-chair and will begin her second year next term. Misty Smethers volunteered for the second co-chair position. Betsy motioned to approve her as co-chair and Sallie seconded. All members were in favor of Misty becoming the co-chair next term and serving two years.
- **Secretary:** We still need a volunteer to serve as secretary on the committee next term. If you're interested, please let Sandy know.
- **Serving next term:** If you were not present and have not indicated your intentions, please let Sandy know if you'd like to continue to serve on the committee next term.
- **Thank you:** Thank you all for serving on the committee! As a thank you gift, reusable produce bags were given out. If you were not present but would like one, let Sandy know.

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New Business

No suggestions, comments or news were brought up.

Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45pm. The first meeting of the new term will be in October (time and date to be determined).