

## Sustainability Committee Meeting

October 2, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. RES 326

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### About the Committee & Committee Business

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order. New members introduced themselves, and Kim Williams was introduced as Co-chair of the committee. We are looking for one more person to be co-chair (a 2 year term). We are also looking for someone to be the secretary and type up minutes.
  - Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Flora Park to approve the minutes, and Myles Quiben seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
  - About the Committee: Sandy Bauman gave introductory remarks on the Sustainability Committee, its mission and its goals for the campus. In 2010, the students voted to implement a fee to see environmental/sustainability improvements on campus. This is how we've funded projects. 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.
  - Sustainability in Healthcare: Sustainability in healthcare has gained momentum in the last decade or two. Check out [Healthier Hospitals Initiative](#) and [Practice Greenhealth](#).
  - Committee Accomplishments: This begins the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the committee. Many of the accomplishments from this committee have been: water stations on campus, sponsorship of the Fort Worth Bike Share, Earth Day Event (with 500-700 attendees), UNTHSC Community Garden, Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP), subsidizing the transit passes, etc.
  - Budget: The budget for the 2018-2019 term is \$20,000. It is funded through the Sustainable Campus Fee (formerly the Environmental Service Fee).
  - Bylaws: A copy of the bylaws will be sent to all members.
  - Sustainability Resources: The committee meets every 2 months and communication will be done through email, newsletters, and Facebook. Our website is [unthsc.edu/sustainability](http://unthsc.edu/sustainability) and the Facebook page is [Facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC](https://www.facebook.com/sustainableUNTHSC)
  - Subcommittees: Please let Sandy know what subcommittee(s) you would like to serve on for this term. Everyone is welcome to serve on a subcommittee. The subcommittees for this year include:
    - Community Garden – gives input and helps make decisions regarding the community garden on campus
    - Reduce – Reuse – Recycling –
    - LEAP Subcommittee – We'll be looking at how we can monitor freezers and make the program better.
    - RRR Subcommittee – This committee will focus on reduce-reuse-recycling on campus. The committee decided to have its first project focus on reducing waste of catered lunches on campus. We're focusing on how to make our catering and meetings more sustainable as well as the cafes on campus.
    - Earth Day Planning – See notes below in regards to Earth Day Planning.
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### Announcements

- Service Expo Results – We had a booth at the Expo where people learned about services offered at UNTHSC. We showed a video about the issues of recycling encouraging people to recycle properly on campus. The video can be found at the link below, and 120 people watched the video at the Expo and receive a water bottle or bag. <https://www.axios.com/americas-recycling-problem-china-c5e4c2af-b647-43ab-b312-dd5fb30f7e62.html>
- Sustainability Pledge – After over 5 years of doing the [Sustainability Pledge](#) where people got a free water bottle for taking the pledge, we are looking at doing something new. Sandy is investigating [Cupanion](#) where people would use an app to track refills. We could have a reward system and do our own branded water bottles. The idea was to launch

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this new system with the Earth Day Event, but that may change depending on the event.

- Keep Fort Worth Beautiful (KFWB) Litter Stomp on October 20th: We always encourage people to participate in litter cleanup events. Litter Stomp is on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Transit 101 – This is a lunchtime event where we teach people to ride public transit. We'll be doing it again in October or November (times TBD).
  - E-Pass Annual Passes – We'll sell them at discounted rates in October or November. Details coming soon.
  - America Recycles Day is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Earth Club may be doing an event on this day. Details coming soon.
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## Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is wrapping up its 4<sup>th</sup> year and hired a part-time position, Donna Honkomp as the Community Garden Administrative Associate. We are looking to do an event for the garden's 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary which is in February.
  - Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): We completed a new version of LEAP and will relaunch it campus-wide soon.
  - RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Subcommittee – This subcommittee is focusing on making lunches, break rooms, meetings, etc. more sustainable and eco-friendly. This work will continue next term when we can find a person to co-chair this group.
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## Proposal to Subsidize Annual Transit Passes

- E-passes are the annual bus and or train passes that Trinity Metro gives us for a discounted price. They are available to all students and employees, and they run from January to December every year. There are 2 types of passes: Local (Fort Worth buses and the TRE (train) from DFW to Fort Worth, and Regional (entire Metroplex). Our students no longer qualify for reduced fare. TexRail (commuter train from the airport to downtown Fort Worth) should be online and operational in January 2019.
  - Typically, Trinity Metro gives us passes at a value of 25% off the monthly price for a year, but once a year we subsidize them to 80% off. The passes will go on sale when we get the information from them.
  - The proposal was for the committee to subsidize the passes for \$10,000. Motion was made by Bruce Budowle and it was seconded by Myles Quiben. The vote carried forward by unanimous approval by committee members.
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## Earth Day Discussion

- Although we requested April 18<sup>th</sup> to the Events Committee, another event is planned for that day. Also, due to other events that month, we may take this opportunity to hold a different event or move it to another time of the year. There is Campus Sustainability Month in October.
  - We brainstormed and thought about question including:
    - What sustainability topics need to be addressed on campus through an event?
    - What is an effective way to educate our campus?
    - What are some event ideas?
  - Committee members were encouraged to write down ideas and put them on a note. If you have any other ideas, email them to Sandy.
  - Sandy will meet with the past committee and we'll make a plan. If you want to be involved in this, let her know.
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## Comments & Suggestions

- No comments or suggestions were made.
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## Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 pm. The next meeting is December 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in EAD 524.