

## Sustainability Committee Meeting

February 1, 2022

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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### Welcome & Minutes

- We did a brief breakout session so people could get to know a couple other people in a small group setting.
- New members had a chance to introduce themselves.
- We thanked Dr. Bruce Budowle for his years of service on the Sustainability Committee (he's retiring).

### Announcements

- UPDATE: Glove & Garment Recycling: For several reasons such as shipping changes/costs, contamination, etc. we are discontinuing the glove/garment recycling on campus. We did recycle 1,401 lbs. from 2018-2021.
  - UPDATE: Recycling Event on November 11th: We recycled 2,000 lbs. of document shredding and 3,265 lbs. of electronic waste. Eighty six people participated and we also donated clothing to the Resale Shop.
  - Cowtown Marathon's Green Team – The Cowtown Marathon is looking for volunteers for their Green Team to help educate on recycling. Anyone can volunteer and you do not need experience or know everything about recycling. Here's the link to sign up:  
[https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=1370150286930960114#choose\\_event\\_page](https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=1370150286930960114#choose_event_page)
  - HSC Service Expo: Facilities is hosting an even to highlight all the services on campus, and HSC Sustainability will have a booth there. It is on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. If you have ideas for the event, let Sandy know.
  - 2022 Subsidized Transit Passes: We are currently selling the 2022 Transit Passes and have sold 10 so far.
  - Composting in Torched Apron: We started composting with Torched Apron to sponsor pre-consumer composting. Our goal is to eventually move to post-consumer bins in the café area. The kitchen staff are adjusting to the new procedure.
  - LIB 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Balcony Sustainability Project: We have received drafts of proposed designs and are meeting with the architects next week. When we have a more final design(s), we'll ask for feedback from the student representatives.
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### Subcommittees

- Subcommittee Updates:
    - LEAP: LEAP or Lab Efficiency Action Program has been redesigned to increase involvement yet still have high impact. We have taken 9 labs through orientation so far and the feedback has been positive.
    - HSC Community Garden: This month, the garden celebrates its 8<sup>th</sup> year! We have a waiting list, continue to take food waste and coffee grounds, and donate to the Student Food Pantry. If you're interested in recipes and other garden information, email [Jessica.reeves@unthsc.ed](mailto:Jessica.reeves@unthsc.ed) to get on the newsletter.
    - Education Subcommittee: Since we only had 2 people sign up for this subcommittee, we will work on the projects after Earth Day and focus our energy on the Earth Day items. We will pick up this group after April.
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### Earth Day Vote

- We will do a hybrid event (both in-person and virtual) from April 5-30<sup>th</sup>.
- The giveaway will be an HSC branded t-shirt (organic cotton, recycled material or hemp—suggestion by Derek Schreihofner).
- Participants will have to do 3 steps to get a t-shirt:
  - Attend a live event (Service Expo, Earth Day Vendor Fair with Food Trucks, or other virtual events

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throughout the month.

- Watch a video on the HSC Sustainability YouTube Playlist (13 available).
  - On Your Own Activity
    - Nature walk
    - FW Botanic Garden
    - Gratitude journal
    - Litter cleanup
    - Food challenge
    - Bike ride
    - Kid activity
  - A form will be available and people will have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to complete it (t-shirts handed out that week).
  - Some additions to special recycling suggestions included Smart Socks (sock donation program) and recycling writing utensils.
  - Between t-shirts, graphic design/printing needs, food truck subsidy, etc. we have a proposed budget of \$7,100. The committee voted to approve up to \$8000 (Raghu motioned and Derek seconded).
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## Comments & Suggestions

- Raghu made a comment about how people are not recycling. This led to a discussion about how to help people to care about the environment. Katelyn mentioned reading the book by Katharine Hayhoe called Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World. We discussed doing a book club this spring/summer to discuss it and how we can use it on campus.
  - We also talked about putting together a Top Sustainability Tips from the committee into a pdf that we can share. We all have tips to share, so it would be a way to share it with campus.
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## Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45pm. The next meeting will be in April (time/date TBD).