

Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 4, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 868

Welcome & Minutes Approval

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order.
 - Minutes Approval: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mike Hollis to approve the minutes, and Priscilla Kha seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
 - New members: All new members introduced themselves.
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Announcements

- Week of Service: UNTHSC's Week of Service was on March 19-24th. We had about 12 people volunteer with the garden during the week, and 4 people volunteer for Cowtown Cleanup.
 - Clean Air Action Day: The lunch and learn was on April 3rd, and we had 8 people attend. There is the main CAAD on June 22nd if the campus wants to organize something.
 - UNTHSC's Master Plan – The Master Plan is currently underway. Feedback sessions occurred in January and the website can be accessed via Insite. The final plan will be given to the campus in May.
 - Remote Work/Flexible Schedules for Staff: This ongoing topics of alternative work schedules including remote work and flexible schedules will be made public to the campus soon. Be on the lookout for trainings and the formal policy signed and approved by Dr. Williams.
 - Recycling Bins: Sandy showed the new IREB recycle bins to the committee along with the new outdoor bins.
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Subcommittees

- Community Garden: The garden had a successful Planting Day with about 30 people attending. All the plots are full, and we had our first harvest/donation to the Student Pantry in March.
 - Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): Let Sandy know of labs that are interested in participating in the LEAP. Financial incentives are awarded..
 - RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Subcommittee – This subcommittee is focusing on making lunches, break rooms, meetings, etc. more sustainable and eco-friendly. A survey went out to the Administrative Professionals Team with another one going out to student groups. The committee went over the results and talked about next steps. We will have a booth at Earth Day Event. We are also planning on having a meeting with Four Star to address issues related to service ware and reducing waste. Also discussed were the pros and cons of Keurig use vs. standard coffee maker; recycling device for k-cups; k-cup recycle refund program; use of a permanent coffee filter. The subcommittee will work on these topics.
 - Earth Day Event – Earth Day is on April 17 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All booths will be interactive with giveaways since the post-event survey always indicates people want more hands-on activities. Tell people about the event! The website is unthsc.edu/earthday
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Comments & Suggestions

- No comments or suggestions were made.
 - Sandy will be on Maternity Leave starting in April. Please contact Kim Williams (kim.williams@unthsc.edu) for committee questions.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm. The next two and final meetings will be in June and August (TBD).