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Sustainability Committee Meeting

July 25, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. RES 326

About the Committee & Committee Business

- Minutes: Minutes were made available from the previous meeting 2 meetings. Patricia Dossey motioned to approve them both as written, Bruce Budowle seconded, and all the committee members approved.
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Announcements

- Fall Gardening Lunch and Learn – We will have a lunch and learn about fall gardening in MET 109-111 on Tuesday, August 6th with speaker and some food provided. This will help educate people on extending the growing season.
 - Service Expo – The Service Expo where people can learn about all types of services on campus will be on Thursday, September 26th from 10am-1pm in MET 109-111. We will focus on the recycling changes on campus with giveaways and getting people to follow our Instagram and like our Facebook page. If you're interested in volunteering to help, let Sandy know.
 - Five Year Celebration for the Community Garden – The garden celebrates 5 years this year, and we will have an event on Thursday October 17 from 11am-1pm. More details to come but it will probably include food truck, giveaways, awards, etc.
 - The Dash – In September, Trinity Metro is launching a route on all electric buses called the Dash. Route and schedule has not been made public yet, but we will communicate information when we know.
 - OrgSync to go to Campus Labs – OrgSync is being replaced by a new site. We will have a presence on the site, but will be on it at a later date. More details to come.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden continues to be at full capacity. So far, we have donated over 112 lbs. this year and received over 100 lbs. of coffee grounds in the compost bins. TCOM students participated in the Day of Service at the garden and helped us clean up some areas of the garden. We also hosted a garden tour for the Mt. Rose Missionary Baptist Church in July.
 - Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): We certified 4 labs this year, and 6 are in process. We replaced 5 freezers and have subsidized the purchase of 8 more on campus.
 - RRR (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Subcommittee – The Recycling Roll-Out Team met and is working on several items. We are replacing the openings of the recycle bins and getting new signage on campus. We are focusing on partnerships and social media, presentations to student groups and staff meetings, surveys, contests, etc.
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Committee Business

- We completed another successful year! We participated in Service Expo, sold 8 annual transit passes, replaced freezers, grew the community garden, and hosted a successful Earth Month BINGO.
- Please let Sandy know if you would like to serve on the committee for the 2019-2020 term.
- The committee discussed changes to the committee structure. After discussion on the following, we decided to keep the current structure in place. We discussed:
 - Really focusing on social media to get more student involvement (we now have an Instagram account at *sustainable_unthsc*). Can do contests and giveaways to get more involvement. Can use #MOOP (matter out of place). Utilize the provost page, etc.
 - Advertise involvement in the committee more than once a year.
 - Make teleconferencing (via Zoom) available for meetings so people can attend remotely.
 - Perhaps hire a student worker to help with social media and recycling efforts.

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Comments & Suggestions

- Emily Eng wrote in that she suggests giving reusable water bottles to incoming students again. Perhaps we can get the Sustainability Pledge back up with the giveaway.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 1 pm. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 19th at noon in IREB 350 (lunch provided).