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Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 25, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 524

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman called the meeting to order.
 - A motion was made by Dr. Myles Quiben to approve the minutes and Dr. Misty Smethers seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
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Announcements

- Clean Air Action Day: CAAD is a day for North Texans to do one thing to improve air quality, and we did an event on campus on June 23rd. About 40 people came and we showed videos and gave out popsicles. We had 120 people take the CAAD pledge.
 - Dig Deep Conference – The conference, which was a day conference for gardeners, farmers, and educators, was a success! There were about 130 attendees and many sessions and vendor tables. We plan to host this conference again next year in partnership with the Tarrant Area Food Bank.
 - Recycling Signs: We are replacing the signs on the waste/recycling bins soon. We are waiting on the signs to be ready from the signage shop. If you'd like to volunteer to help the Office of Sustainability replace them, let Sandy know.
 - EV Charging Stations – We added Level II chargers in the garage in place of the 120V outlets. In addition, users will be charged an hourly rate instead of purchasing a permit. See more here: https://www.unthsc.edu/operations/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/Electric-Vehicle-Charging-at-UNTHSC_17-18.pdf
 - New Student Guides – We have printed versions of UNTHSC's Guide to Sustainability. If you would like copies, let Sandy know.
 - Litter Stomp & Trinity Trash Bash: Litter Stomp, for neighborhoods and public spaces, and Trinity Trash bash, for river areas, is a city wide event to clean up litter on Sept. 16th. We have a small group cleaning up around the ITC in Fort Worth, but we encourage everyone to get their student groups, neighbors, or co-workers together for this event. Even though registration may be closed, you can contact them to see if they still have supplies.
 - Service Expo – Sept 19 – The service expo is on Sept. 19th from 10am to 2pm in the MET. Come and see what all the campus has to offer. Free food and giveaways. The Office of Sustainability will have a table there and will be asking for volunteers.
 - Transit 101 – This is a lunchtime event where we teach people to ride public transit. We'll be doing it again in October (times TBD).
 - Wellness Week: The Office Wellness Services is hosting wellness week, and on Monday, Sept. 18th, we are doing a class on home/apartment composting from 12:05pm-12:55pm in CBH 240. One compost bin will be given away.
 - Food Day: In celebration of Food Day on October 24th, we are partnering with the Tarrant Area Food Bank to host a class on local food. It will be in MET 109-111 at noon on that day.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is well into its 3rd year, and doing well! We close to our 400lb goal for the year with 50lbs of it going to our student food pantry on campus. Sept. 6th, we will host TCU dietetic students at the garden, and Saturday, Sept. 23rd we are having a planting day/work day.
- LEAP Program: We have taken 8 labs through the orientation process, and so far 6 labs are certified. We are also advertising financial assistance for freezer upgrades to more efficient models. The ULT Freezer is also out on campus helping labs clean up freezers. Furthermore, replaced 3 freezers on campus with a more efficient model. Sandy will be

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giving an update on the program at the Faculty Senate meeting in Sept.

- Recycling, Campus Outreach, Bylaws: Did not meet.
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Committee Business

- We went over our 2016-2017 accomplishments which included supporting Fort Worth Bike Share, subsidizing annual transit passes, planning and holding the Earth Day Event, growing the community garden, and launching LEAP. For the year, we spent \$20,100.
 - Please let Sandy know by Sept. 15th if you would like to serve on the committee again next year.
 - Misty will be completing her term as co-chair and Kim will enter her second year as co-chair. If you'd like to serve as co-chair or nominate someone, let Sandy know (it's a 2 year term). If you'd like to serve as secretary, let Sandy know as well.
 - We went over a few updates to the bylaws with changes as to the budget, subcommittees, and some general wording. A motion was made by Dr. Myles Quiben to approve the changes and Dr. Bruce Budowle seconded the motion. The vote carried and the changes were approved.
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Comments & Suggestions

- No comments or suggestions were made.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:55 pm. The next meeting is October 5th at noon in CBH 240.