

Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 30, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 524

Welcome & Minutes Approval

- Sandy Bauman, Sustainability Coordinator, called the meeting to order. She provided an update to her position (transitioning from full-time to part-time), and she thanked Kim Williams, Patricia Dossey and all the volunteers for their work during Earth Day while she was out.
 - Minutes Approval: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Raghu Krishnamoorthy to approve the minutes, and Cheryell Williams-Price seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
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Announcements

- New Student Guides – We have electronic versions of UNTHSC’s Guide to Sustainability. If you would like copies, let Sandy know.
 - Sustainability Pledge – Temporarily suspended. We’re going to think about something new.
 - Litter Stomp & Trinity Trash Bash: Litter Stomp, for neighborhoods and public spaces, is on September 15th and Trinity Trash bash, for river areas, is a city wide event to clean up litter on October 20th. Get a group together or join existing sites. We’ll organize a campus-wide group for Cowtown Cleanup in March 2019.
 - Service Expo – Sept 18 – The service expo is on Sept. 18th from 10am to 1pm 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. If you would like to volunteer to help out, email Sandy.
 - 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).
 - E-Pass Annual Passes – We’ll sell them at discounted rates in October. Details coming soon.
 - Remote Work/Flexible Schedules for Staff: The Flexible Work Arrangement information is available here: <https://www.untsystem.edu/hr-it-business-services/human-resources/flexible-work-arrangement>. We’re proud that some of the sustainability points were included in the training (such as less commuting, improved air quality, reduced parking needs, etc.).
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Subcommittees

- Community Garden: The garden is wrapping up its 4th year and looking to hire a part time position. The plots are full and we’re looking forward to events this fall. If you want to volunteer or garden, let Sandy know.
 - Lab Efficiency Action Program (LEAP): We will re-launch LEAP in September with updates to the checklist based on last year’s feedback.
 - 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.
 - Earth Day Event – Thanks to everybody for making it a successful event in April!
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Committee Business

- We went over our 2017-2018 accomplishments which included supporting Fort Worth Bike Share, subsidizing annual transit passes, planning and holding the Earth Day Event, growing the community garden, and LEAP. Sustainability held events such as Food Day in October, Transit 101, participating in the Halloween Cake Contest, upcycling greeting cards, Clean Air Action Day, etc.
- For the year, we spent \$16,200.

MINUTES

- Please let Sandy know by Sept. 10th if you would like to serve on the committee again next year.
 - 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.
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Comments & Suggestions

- Raghu showed a video about cleaning up the ocean garbage patch. Learn about it here:
<https://www.theoceancleanup.com/>
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm. The new term will start in October with our first meeting (TBD).