

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

9/22/15 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM PCR

In attendance:

Betty Crockett	Dave Gutoskey	Karen Olmstead
Amy Hasson	Christine Smith	Julia Howell
Eric Berkheimer	Gaylord Robb	Wayne Shelton
Danny Ervin	Bill Nelson	

Guest: Reed Shelton, SU Flyer, covering Zipcar

1. Introductions, including new members:
 - a. Julia Howell – SGA VP Sustainability
 - b. Christine Smith – Publications (for Sue Eagle)
 - c. Gaylord Robb, Library

2. Zipcar Program Update - Wayne
 - a. September 11th launch
 - b. Registration are ongoing and include faculty/staff and students
 - c. Ford C-max hybrid & Ford Focus
 - d. Vehicles are being used
 - e. Promotions will be forthcoming
 - i. Electronic flyers
 - ii. January student orientation
 - iii. Earth Week
 - iv. Others?
 - f. Julia reported that Zipcar contacted her about student promoters for Zipcar; this was mentioned when our representative was here for the launch event. Apparently, Zipcar will hire our students to promote on campus.
 - g. Dave distributed posters to all RA bulletin boards in the residence halls.
 - h. Christine requested seasonal promotional materials (e.g., fall, holidays, spring)
 - i. Wayne will request that information for the campus representative.

3. Green Fund Update - Wayne
 - a. Approximately \$47,000 available
 - b. Website updated with new application form, new GF logo, condensed instructions, and examples of projects (ongoing and completed)
 - c. FY16 deadlines are October 23rd and February 29th
 - d. Promotions are underway with posters & electronic flyer. Many thanks to Julia for placing Green Fund posters around campus!

4. University Academic Sustainability Committee (U-ASC) update - Karen
 - a. The website for U-ASC is up: www.salisbury.edu/uasc

- b. UASC is using the STARS approach to defining courses with sustainability content and courses which focus on sustainability. The list will be developed in the coming months and become an ongoing project.
 - c. The committee will contact Delmarva Public Radio to develop content for brief radio segments to provide information (and faculty expertise) for sustainability topics such as research, current issues, best practices, etc.
 - d. The website will also feature resources for teachers interested in adding sustainability content to their courses.
 - e. The subject of sustainability will be added to the conversations on General Education requirements during the forthcoming review of Gen Ed.
5. SGA update - Julia
- a. November 12th will be the date for Recycle Madness, the competition within the Registered Student Organizations.
 - b. Participants in the event will be provided tumblers from the bookstore which qualify the user for a discount at Dining Services satellite operations.
 - c. Planning is underway for Earth Week, in April. One option being considered is inviting the local Farmer's Market to participate on campus and educate students about local produce.
6. New President's Climate Commitment – Resilience Commitment
- a. Electronic copy of document was sent prior to meeting for review.
 - b. Changes to the carbon footprint reporting requirements do not materially affect what we currently do for that process.
 - c. However, adding resilience to the plan will have an impact on the workload and additional committee membership with the expertise to meet the requirements of that commitment.
 - d. As a part of this process, the concepts of resilience and related requirements
 - e. There will be an upcoming meeting for the President which will help identify the path forward to meet any new requirements under the commitment.
7. Open discussion
- a. Composting operation ceased
 - i. FY14 636 tons solid waste; 359 tons food waste; 396 tons recyclables
 - ii. From 54% to 38% worst case; best case – mid 40's
 - iii. Alternatives were evaluated – liquefying and dehydrating
 - iv. Bid process underway

- b. Bill reported that there may be an emphasis on the environmental effects of nitrogen on the environment. Tracking and reducing nitrogen emissions may become a future imperative.
- c. Dave reported that Housing is launching a pilot bike loan program in Sea Gull Square. Housing purchased 5 single speed bikes (for their simplicity) and U-locks for the program. Housing plans to loan them to residents of Sea Gull Square at no cost. Dave has developed a waiver form which has been reviewed and approved by Susan Griisser (SU legal).