

**University Sustainability Committee – President’s Conference Room**

8/18/2016 – 2:02 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. James Bridgeforth

Dr. William Guess

Kelly Rush

Victor Cohen

Todd Culp

Rachael Bolden

Alexander Moylan

Cecelia Warren

## **Opening Weekend Recycling**

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Dr. Bridgeforth reported that Opening Weekend was a success across the board, especially in regards to recyclable materials being recovered and collected for recycling rather than discarded as trash.

- Dr. Bridgeforth also mentioned that the efforts of several student organizations and departments were responsible for helping the weekend be a success

Mr. Culp reported that official weights have not yet been recorded, but estimates regarding the cardboard collection are in the thousands of pounds.

- That said, the University has already passed the monthly average in collection figures after less than three weeks into the month

## **Pilot Program Installation**

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Mr. Culp reported that the first batch of bins arrived on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, for the first building in the pilot program (the Administration Building).

- Additional recycling containers should in the following weeks for Shelby Hall and the Communications Building
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Ms. Martin suggested that an assessment plan could use different data-tracking programs and survey software to evaluate student, faculty, and staff opinions, behaviors, and motivations for pursuing sustainable practices.

- Ms. Martin then mentioned that she sits on the campus master plan committee and asked whether or not the committee should seek being involved
- Dr. Bridgeforth suggested that Ms. Martin ask the committee during their next meeting how/whether sustainability can be incorporated into their plans, and how sustainability-driven practices could be implemented within their desired infrastructure

## **Signage**

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Official signage will be in place soon, temporary signage involving the new recycling center is in place now.

- Kelly Rush then questioned whether the recycling center is on the interactive map or not and after discussion that suggested otherwise, Ms. Rush suggested that she could take care of this
- UPDATE: On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Rush notified the committee that the recycling center was officially on the interactive campus map

## **AASHE Conference Attendance**

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Dr. Bridgeforth questioned whether any staff person was interested in attending the 2016 AASHE Conference, which will be held in Baltimore, MD.

- If a staff person was interested, then there is a possibility registration and the cost of attendance could potentially be covered

Catherine Buttrey then mentioned that a student representative, via SGA, could possibly be sent to attend the conference with SGA funding

## **Open Floor Discussion**

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