President’s Sustainability Advisory Committee

Agenda

9/5/2019
1:00-2:30 pm
1801 Patterson Office Tower

- Introductions (1:00 pm) – Krista Jacobsen
  - Attendance
    - Esther Moberly
    - Joanna Ashford
    - Megan Combs
    - Alicia Landon
    - Bob Jewell
    - Barry Swanson
    - Bob Kjelland
    - Carolyn Gahn
    - Brittany Ragland
    - Shane Tedder
    - Krista Jacobsen
    - Alan Fryer
    - Amy Sohner
    - Steve Kay
    - Todd Shupp
    - Helen Turner
    - Jennifer Sutton

- Review Charge (1:05 pm) – Bob Jewell and Shane Tedder
  - 2. Develop an annual set of committee goals and planned actions designed to further promote and advance an institutional culture of sustainability.
  - 3. Publicize and communicate current university sustainability initiatives to the university community
  - 4. Assess the completeness and progress of university of sustainability efforts as compared to national benchmark institutions. Conduct an annual review of UK operations in terms of sustainability; develop indicators to measure progress and make suggestions and recommendations for improvements.
  - 5. Produce an annual report of active university sustainability efforts and activities
  - 6. Conduct and promote campus events, workshops, showcases, exhibits and symposia focused on enhancing sustainability efforts and practices.
7. Promote and encourage sustainable best practices in university facility planning, design and construction
9. Create and appoint such technical advisory task forces and committees as may be appropriate to advise the committee and to foster increased opportunities for campus community and input.
Two others have been completed (1 & 8)

- Committee membership for 2019/2020 (1:15 pm) – Krista and Shane
  - Committee membership for 2019/2020, operating with 2018-2019 team because nominations weren’t made.
  - Do we need to have graduate students
  - Motion to request SGA appoint one graduate/professional student and one undergraduate student by Alan Fryar
    - Second by Joanna Ashford
    - Motion Passes
    - SG President Michael Hamilton has selected undergraduate student Cameron Luker and graduate student Tiana The to serve on the committee.
  - 2 at-large seats open for nominations
    - Ashley Hinton WellKY
    - Amy Sohner ED of Bluegrass Greensource (campus partner)
    - Megan Combs (self-nominated)
    - Amanda Gumbert, Ag Extension
    - Margaret Mohr Schroder, Associate Dean College of Education
    - Carmen Agouridis, Associate Dean CAFÉ
    - Scott Southall, VP of Sustainability and Marketing CDP (self-nominated)
    - John Gagel, Sr Manager Global Corporate Sustainability Lexmark Int’l, in
    - Tammy Stephenson, DHN
    - Kendra Oo, DHN
    - Sandra Broaudis
  - Student and Academic Life
    - Diversity (Drew Smith)
    - Basic Needs (Therese Smith)
    - Outdoor Recreation (Mark Lattin)
    - Lance Polston (LGBTQ resources)
- Tracy Farmer Institute for Sustainability and the Environment Update (1:25pm) Kelly Pennell
  - INSERT FROM EMAIL
- Review of Draft STARS Report (1:35pm) Shane Tedder (See attached comparative analysis)
  - 2019 Preliminary Sore: 53.41
  - 2015 Score: 45.25
  - Gold is at 65. So we remain at silver
  - Curriculum data
    - Waiting on final academic course list
    - No sustainability literacy assessment
  - Research data
The way research was defined as sustainability related was based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Engagement data
  - Areas of growth: Student Educators Program & Employees Educators Program and no staff development.
- Air and Climate
  - Greenhouse gas emissions have gone down
- Buildings
  - Public institutions are no longer required to build LEAD certified buildings.
  - Option to wait on the state to address KRS or hold ourselves accountable internally

- UK Composting Partnership – (1:55pm) Joanna Ashford
  - Link to video
  - 10.66 tons of food waste collected since June 24, 2019
  - 29.38 tons of finished compost brought back to campus
  - .24 pounds of food waste per transaction
    - Transaction number also includes back of house prep waste and food that can’t be donated
  - Funded in part by a Sustainability Challenge Grant

- Update on Sustainability Challenge Grant Program for 2020 – (2:05pm) Shane Tedder
  - Fully funded again. Another $200,000 for Challenge Grant projects
  - Meeting of the SCG steering committee will happen next week to discuss an appropriate timeline for call for proposals and selection.
  - Is there potential for a May to May project cycle?

- Announcement/Next Meeting
  - Next meeting is October 3, 2019
  - Faculty Sustainability Council has not met yet for this academic year. Krista is working on getting that meeting scheduled.
  - Move-out in 2019, collected over 21 tons of material (non-perishable food, clothing, etc). Cardboard only 11 tons
  - Move-in: Law building generated 8 tons of cardboard
  - First football game was 8/31/19, highest number of diversion ever at 17%
  - ENS activity, Wednesday Sept. 11th screening of Paris to Pittsburgh in Whitehall.
  - Lexington Convention Center recently renegotiated concession contract to have a local buy
  - Barry is leading the procure to pay. Comes out of the Our Path Forward Project.
  - Broke ground on stormwater and stream restoration project of the summer

- Action items:
  - If you are interested in participating in SCG steering committee, follow-up