

Campus Sustainability Meeting Minutes 4/17/17 @ 2pm in PCR

Present: Mary Smith, Norma Kennedy, Ruth Underwood, Angela Storck, David Steptoe

The committee reviewed the October 15, 2015 Minutes and the Agenda.

The following items were discussed as current efforts:

Bee Campus USA – obtained October 2016. This is an environmental sustainability item.

Tree Campus USA – This committee is headed by Dr David Chevalier, Biology Chair. An application will be submitted in November 2017. EGSC participated in Arbor Day.

Energy Savings - David Steptoe reported that occupancy sensor lights are installed in the JAM, Statesboro and in the Library study rooms; they will be installed in the new Academic Building expansion opening Fall 2017.

Water Bottle Refill Stations – EGSC has 8 stations. The stations track the number of filled bottles.

Recycling efforts on campus – aluminum, plastic are recycled and sent to Swainsboro Recycling Center. City collected cardboard. Aluminum cans are recycled and taken to City Fire Department where they are recycled and proceeds donated to the Burn Center. Light bulbs and ballasts are recycled.

Norma will work with Katelyn to update the EGSC Green Team website with the above items.

The following items were discussed as future campus sustainability efforts:

Water Bottles – Norma will identify several affordable water bottles with pricing for the group to consider. All agree that college needs kick off for recycling and sustainability. Possibly give out at Fall workshop? Need to discuss how to get to students. Need to track usage of water filling stations after distribution of the water bottles.

Ozzi System – Ruth shared information on a reusable container and utensil products program. At this time, students are not allowed to get take out from the Dining Hall. With the Ozzie system, students receive a token for returning the used container; Dining Services washes and sanitizes and reuses. The students can return the items to a vending type machine after hours. SGA is interested in paying for some part of the cost; Ruth will check into the cost detail to get started.

Landscape and Grounds – coffee grounds, tea bags as compost were discussed. David and Ruth will investigate how to do this.

GreenFest 2017 – EGSC participated in GreenFest 2016 at GSU and will participate in 2017. EGSC Biology Department is very active in this festival.

College and University Recycling Coalition (CURC) – Mary forwarded a link to the newsletter and website to the committee. Webinars are held monthly. The committee will try and attend relevant webinars as a group.

Keep American Beautiful Coca Cola Bin Grant – EGSCV received 25 bins in 2014. The next grant round will open in September 2017; committee suggests we apply for 10 additional bins. David and Angela estimate 6 bins for housing, 2 for academic building expansion, 1 for student center and 1 for PE building.

Earth Club, SGA, Biology students – no report was available. The group expressed the desire to have students involved in campus sustainability initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15pm