

Sustainability Committee Meeting

November 11, 2008

- I. Introductions
- II. Consortium of different agencies hosting a workshop on purchasing on December 2nd. \$75 for attendance. Wendy Williams will be getting someone to attend from the procurement office. We need to send a representative from the committee.
- III. Service Learning:
 - a. Homecoming- no longer doing building renovation but green fair instead.
 - i. There will be “green” giveaways like CFL light bulbs.
 - ii. Hands on activities will include building rain barrels, bird houses, and compost bins.
 - iii. There will also be a documentary screening.
- IV. Recyclemania:
 - a. It will coincide with homecoming and is a good opportunity to get the campus involved.
 - b. There is a need for visuals and statistics to help students make the connection.
- V. Campus Audit
 - a. We are currently undergoing a basic audit to ensure that we are paying the correct rates and that we are being billed correctly
 - b. We will put out a bid for performance contracts
 - i. Companies will come in and get baseline information and make recommendations,
 - ii. Based on this initial information we will select a company
 - iii. They will guarantee that are annual savings will pay for the implementation of the program, if it doesn't they will pay us back.
 - iv. The selection process is estimated to take about 6 months.
- VI. Sustainability Corridor
 - a. The two blocks of George between St. Phillip and Coming will be renovated and updated to be sustainable.
 - b. Craig will be LEED platinum
 - c. There is a plan to restore the cistern to its historic function
 - d. The Presidents office will be a model for the campus
 - e. Many changes were already schedule to take place, this just ensures that they are done sustainably
 - f. The current budget cuts will not effect the currently approved projects

- VII. President's Climate Commitment
 - a. Fritz is working with ICLEI software to get baseline data on green house gas emissions.
 - b. Creation of a team that will create a plan to reduce carbon emissions.

- VIII. Main Focus: Recycling
 - a. Three main areas are Bins, Education, and Marketing.
 - b. Create a short-term and long-term plan
 - c. Need to break up into subcommittees
 - d. Bins are scheduled to come in over the next few weeks
 - e. Need to let students know about the change- create posters, have bins around campus, set up some kind of interactive activity with bins.
 - f. Letter from the President discussing the Sustainable initiatives on campus and that recycling is the first step.
 - g. Letter to the department head to alert them to the changes and how they can get involved
 - h. Get bins for Dr. Canbergs event on Dec. 4th
 - i. Introduce cell phone, ink cartridge, and battery recycling all at the same time as the new bins

- IX. Other business
 - a. Fisher recycling will be taking recycling for dining services
 - b. SCDHEC may be able to pick up cardboard 2x a week, which means we may need a student worker to handle the extra load.
 - c. Potential to use Baylor on George by fresh foods
 - d. Human resources is going to use the website for new hires to teach them about our committee
 - e. Event planning guide is in the works with the city and counties help.

Next meeting will be schedule pending the timeline for the recycling bins.