

University Sustainability Committee  
Minutes 10-1-18  
1 PM to 2 PM  
President's Conference Room  
Holloway Hall 248

Attendees:

Marvin Pyles	Jeff Canada	Sarah Surak
Eric Berkheimer	Ken Kundell	Gaylord Robb
Crystal Kelly	Mark Muller	Brian Waller
Jessica Hennen	Dave Gutoskey	Wayne Shelton

1. Welcome
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Mark Muller will serve as proxy for Mike Scott going forward
2. Updates
  - a. Green Fund Update
    - i. Fall closing date is October 16, February 28 will be a second offering, pending adequate fund balance at that time.
    - ii. Fund balance for FY19 is approximately \$225,000
    - iii. Met with new GF committee members for an orientation to committee process
    - iv. Will be a great experience for student members and a resume builder!
  - b. Bicycle Friendly University Designation
    - i. With the help of Amanda Ellen and Sandy Pope, SU applied for certification as a bicycle friendly university by the League of American Bicyclists
    - ii. The application is fairly strong in most areas but can use support in the area of education and outreach
    - iii. Wayne participated in a tabling session at the start of the semester with information on registering (SUPD) and locking bikes properly
    - iv. If a club or organization will take on the outreach for bike safety and use, this will go a long way in future application upgrade efforts
  - c. Bee Campus USA designation - An aspirational goal for sustainability is achieving a Bee Campus designation, which educates and supports policies for a range of pollinating species. The majority of the requirements for this are in place but a club or committee (or both) are needed to fulfill some of the education outreach requirements.
    - i. Sarah reported that her senior seminar class is already working with Berlin and the city of Salisbury's teams to assist with demonstrations, social media and programming efforts. SU is invited to participate with the class and benefit from their efforts. Thanks Sarah!
    - ii. There are a few more steps to identify in order to complete the application and it is expected to be submitted within a few weeks.
3. Student Government Association update
  - a. Jessica indicated she has a number of Green Fund ideas she would like to put forward but will be working with SGA members to carry those out

4. Graduate Student Association – no update
5. University Academic Sustainability Committee (U-ASC) update
  - a. U-ASC continues to work on general education curriculum
  - b. Andrew Fellows works in College Park’s Sustainability and Community Engagement office. He met with Sarah and briefly with Wayne this summer and would like to provide support for some of SU’s efforts in these (departmental) areas, where possible.
  - c. One of the goals of U-ASC was to develop a process within Gull Net where students could search for classes with sustainability class content (either fully or in part). There is now a search drop-down which allows for 7 areas of emphasis, of which sustainability is one of the selections.
6. Open discussion
  - a. Marvin asked about the status of the recent talks with the bike share company – “Gotcha”.
  - b. Wayne shared that Gotcha was contacted by the city with hopes of having a bike share in place timely for the national folk festival. SU agreed to allow Gotcha to park their electric vehicles on Lot H and recharge overnight. The city developed a route for their vehicles separate from the bus route which Shore Transit provided.
  - c. They offered to place a few bikes and electric utility carts were provided, with drivers, for the festival.
  - d. Wayne met with a vice president of Gotcha and discussed interests of the campus, which did not include electric scooters.
  - e. After the folk festival, we planned to resume the conversation about bike share.
  - f. SU is waiting to see what type of approach the city will take and will likely not be able to start a new bike program until the spring.
7. Climate Resilience Initiative – Brian lead the discussion
  - i. Background provided for the climate resilience initiative
  - ii. A rough draft of climate resilience plan was shared with the committee
  - iii. There are example documents for Arizona State University and is needed by December 2018
  - iv. Resilience Plan will:
    1. Provide a baseline of resilience activities on campus and community
    2. Develop initial indicators of resilience through a multi-stakeholder process
    3. Identify current vulnerabilities related to climate change
  - v. Five areas to be addressed by Resilience Plan:
    1. Infrastructure
    2. Economic
    3. Social Equity & Governance
    4. Health & Wellness
    5. Economic Services
  - vi. Eric commented that a state-mandated stormwater management plan is being developed which will become a part of the resilience plan.
  - vii. Marvin asked if Owen was invited to provide input – he will be asked for input

- viii. Marvin asked if the plan will be sent out to the campus for comment or if a survey will be used.
  - 1. Brian responded that there are sample surveys and other practices used during this process documented in the link to Second Nature's resource site
  - 2. Marvin suggested that the U-ASC, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate be included for input.
  - 3. Sarah offered to ask permission to include Brian at the next U-ASC meeting to seek feedback. U-ASC Meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM.
- ix. Committee was asked to send any feedback to Wayne and Brian.