

University Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes 2-13-18
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
President's Conference Room HH 248

Attendees:

Marvin Pyles	Sarah Surak	
Eric Berkheimer	Ken Kundell	Mike Scott
Erik Gaskill	Danny Ervin	Kevin Mann
Christine Smith	Jeff Canada	

1. Welcome
2. Updates
 - a. Climate Resilience Initiative – some deliverables for this agreement are due (or soon)
 - i. Develop an internal structure on existing committee or set up a separate committee
 1. Add Brian Waller to committee to bring emergency planning experience and assist with development of the resilience plan
 2. Find other members according to established program guidance
 - ii. Evaluate vulnerabilities to severe weather events
 - iii. Set goals for changes and develop plans
 - iv. Initiate a Hazard Mitigation Plan
 1. Evaluate and rank the risk of a wide range of possible hazards
 2. Examples include flooding, toxic release, natural gas release, terrorists, and project failures on or near campus.
 3. Plan makes the campus eligible for Federal funding to correct the highest risks
 4. HMP complements other existing plans including SU Emergency planning, city plans and community plans
 - b. Green Fund Update
 - i. The Green Fund has approximately \$36,000 to award for this semester
 - ii. Fall projects included:
 1. LED lighting for Holloway Hall auditorium (largest project)
 2. Ward senior seminar event for community members
 3. Beekeeping supplies
 4. Battery powered leaf blowers
 5. Literature for elementary education student teachers
 6. Garden club startup supplies (project is across from Holloway Hall)
 7. More reusable bags for “I love Salisbury” event
 - iii. Deadline for application is February 28th
 - c. Solar Parking Canopy Dashboard
 - i. Dashboard is available online and can be reviewed in classrooms
 - ii. <http://kiosk.datareadings.com/Tyw0EBVv/overview>
 - iii. Data is daily, weekly, monthly, annual, and system lifetime is displayed
 - d. Bike share – Spin (<https://www.spin.pm/>)

- i. SU worked with the city to bring Spin bike to campus and downtown areas
 - ii. Discussed bike features and renting via phone
 - iii. 100 bikes will be delivered on campus February 19th
 - iv. 100 more will be delivered to the city February 22nd
 - v. Bikes must remain in defined area which includes SU main campus, Pine Bluff, and east campus, University Park, city downtown areas and all places between
 - vi. Students faculty and staff can ride to downtown and back
 - vii. Bike is “dockless” meaning it does not require a unique dock to end a ride; bike locks through the rear wheel and not to a rack (or other object)
 - viii. Bikes will be repaired by a local bike shop
 - ix. A paid SU student will redistribute bikes and handle all issues with the bikes
3. Student Government Association update – SGA and Grad Student Council are working on events for Earth Week including the highly successful Recycle Madness event.
4. University Academic Sustainability Committee (U-ASC) update – the first spring meeting of U-ASC is approaching. Focus of the U-ASC has been support of the general education consensus model and development/identification of sustainability topic and themed classes. U-ASC is also working on promoting more active engagement classes.
5. Open discussion
 - a. An environmental display will soon be installed in the Academic Commons which highlights the environmental features of the building and allows users to access a touch screen to view LEED data and utility consumption rates. Display will also allow users to see data from Nanticoke, Wicomico and Perdue Halls.
 - b. Carbon Footprint Data FY17 – trends indicate that we are meeting our carbon reduction goals with a combination of energy efficiency initiatives and use of renewable energy credits (RECs) for our power consumption
 - i. Several years ago SU purchased RECs from the Wicomico County landfill gas to power project (Ingenco). Those RECs were traded for Green-e wind RECs with a multiplier effect (8 to 1). SU has voluntarily retired RECs without any out-of-pocket for the last 3 years. Next year we will likely need to purchase RECs in order to meet our goals.
 - ii. One REC represents 1000 kilowatt hour of electricity from a clean energy project and allows us to subtract that amount of electricity use from our carbon footprint report. A REC is presently selling for about \$1.25.
 - iii. Trends for net carbon emissions per 1000 square feet and per student are on track
 - iv. Additional data including gross emissions trending will be shared with the committee at our next meeting