

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Fall 2017 Meeting II

Date: November 28, 2017

Location: Student Center South – Heights (Rm. 224)

Time: 12:00PM to 1:30PM

Attendees: Jeanne LaMontagne, Jennifer Rea, Mackenzie Wysong, Bruce Race, Chelsea Chung, Emilie Messa, Eric Holamon, Stephanie Coates, Laura Galloway, Mike Mendonza, Maria Honey, Ricardo Useche, Eve Esch

Minutes

I. **Welcome**

II. **Introductions**

Members went around the table and introduced themselves and their roles at UH.

III. **Office of Sustainability Recap**

Mike Mendoza and Maria Honey discussed the following items:

A. Consultant Workshop Recap

- I. Funding Examples: Utility rebates, Borrowing from departments, Green Fees, Revolving Green Funds.
- II. Suggested office structure with 3 full-time staff. Currently developing staff model/structure.
- III. STARS Path to Platinum: Long term goal, feasibility and outlook review. Achieving platinum is certainly going to require effort. Will create a path and set benchmarks for the university.
- IV. SWOT Analysis

IV. **Office Priorities 2017/18**

- I. Develop funding model.
- II. Create a strategic plan and review MAPP.
- III. AASHE Stars and outreach programming.
- IV. Coordinate and support SGA on Second Nature bill.
- V. UH Dining Sustainability initiatives: Farmers Market, Zero Waste, hydroponic garden.

V. **Updates/Projects and Initiatives**

- I. AASHE Conference: Presented on COAST program.
- II. Mayor's Proud Partner: KHB awarded UH as Outstanding Proud Partner.

- III. Tree Campus Inventory: Survey will be transitioning to facilities. Department is taking on the duty and including it into their planning.
- IV. UH Dining Initiatives: Farmers Market has been successful. Last one on Nov. 29. Zero Waste Dining Commons by 2020, Hydroponic gardens will be started in the Spring.
- V. Houston B-Cycle: SETS program survey conducted Nov. 6, waiting on results/analysis. Agreement executed and transitioning to PTS.
- VI. STARS: Begin 2018 reporting and data collecting. Reviewed and benchmarked other Platinum institutions. Looking at developing STARS agents within departments to ease data collection.

VI. **Committee Overview**

- A. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
 - I. Not enough voting members. Will follow up on this issue.
- B. Review and vote on bylaws.
 - I. Not enough voting members. Will follow up on this issue. Putting on hold as report is crafted.
- C. Create Climate Commitment Subcommittee
 - I. Members interested in creating a subcommittee to meet with other institutions. Will schedule at a later date
- D. Explore subcommittee interest (MAPP Review)

VII. **Action Items/Learning Outcomes**

- A. Office of Sustainability will deliver STARS plan in spring

VIII. **Member Announcements/Learn More Moments**

IX. **Green House Gas Presentation**

- A. Students from ARCH 4397/6397 and College of Technology presented a plan for reducing water/energy usage at UH and implementation of smart parking systems.

X. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting

Date: February 13, 2018
Time: Noon-1:30 PM
Location: Auxiliaries Conference Room