

Valdosta State University – Environmental Issues Committee

Agenda – Friday, January 30th, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Bailey Science Center Room 2023

People present:

Members:

Tanya Lee, Arsalan Wares, Theresa Grove, Tanya Lee, Jason Allard, Brad Bergstrom, Jim Nienow, Bobby Flowers, Luke Jones

Ex officio:

Meredith Lancaster, Ray Sable

Proxies:

Theresa grove for Tommy Crane and Brad Bergstrom for Linda Most

Guests:

Monica Haynes

The meeting started at 2:04.

Approve Minutes of the November 14, 2014 meeting

Brad Bergstorm made some changes to the minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously with the changes.

A. Announcements:

- a. Next meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 8:00-9:00a.m. (Donuts will be provided....)
- b. Bob DeLong retired on January 01, 2015. Meredith Lancaster is the interim director.
- c. Arbor Day ceremony is on February 19, 2015 at 10:00 am. Walter Reefs is the guest speaker.

B. Reports

- a. Campus Beautification: Brad Bergstrom reported. A meeting was held and funds are available for planting new trees. It will be completed during the winter planting season. Emily's students can help. A variety of trees will be planted including Short -leaf Pines, Red Maples, and some flowering trees. Permanent signs explaining the natural system will also be placed in appropriate areas.
- b. Energy Conservation: Theresa Grove reported. No meetings have been held yet. Ray Sables has received rebates from Georgia Power. It will be decided how this money can be spent appropriately.
- c. Recycling: Jim Nienow reported. Jim Mussey is setting up the recycling contest. They are discussing how to recycle old library journals.
- d. Sustainability Committee: Jason Allard reported. They have met on February 06, 2015 and discussed issues regarding fossil fuel divestment.
- e. Master Planning Committee: Theresa Grove reported. The committee discussed issues regarding stopping unnecessary heating and cooling to save money. Classrooms have not been efficiently filled up.

C. Old Business

- a. Update on search for new Assistant Director to Landscape and Grounds
Ray Sable reported. Some candidates have been interviewed, but there were not enough candidates to make decision, the ad will be reposted.

D. New Business

- a. Physical plant has received \$9500 in rebates from GA Power. Suggestions from R. Sable.
- Suggestion 1: replace some of the metal halide lights in the parking deck with LED lights. We did this on the third floor of Oak Street Deck with funds we had last year. We have 10 lights left from the ones we bought last year, and we could buy another 30 - 40 with the \$9,500. The lights in the deck are on 24/7/365, so we get a pretty good payback on those. We calculated it at about 4.5 years. It would not be enough to do an entire floor, but we could do most of a floor. If we bought the lights, we would exchange fixtures with in house forces. Because we don't pay the labor cost, it has a good payback.
 - Suggestion 2: fund work in Odum Library. The Energy Audit we did said the Library was over lit. We have a project on the books to de-lamp the center bulb of three in the three bulb fixtures on the newer side of the library. We can do that in-house, but we have to find time to get to it. If we contracted that out, we could get to that faster. I would have to look up the Energy Audit report to see what kind of energy savings there would be.
 - Things to keep in mind: 1) Physical Plant prefers to use the funds to buy additional lights vs. using the funds to buy labor as we think the funds go farther and make a bigger impact. 2) It is possible that Physical plant will be able to mount a project to work on the library this summer.

The members were okay with the above suggestion.

Proposed change to EIC bylaws (Attachment A)

Aligning EIC bylaws with senate bylaws.. Sec 3 last sentence seems out of place...

Theresa Grove and the other committee members made some minor changes involving style and language. The following two suggestions were also made:
modifications to energy conservation subcommittee,
inclusion of lighting and safety walk in EIC description.

These changes were approved by the committee members unanimously.

- b. Other: Concern was expressed that the EIC used to be made aware of any construction that could potentially affect the trees on campus. This is still not happening. City is resurfacing Georgia Avenue. Timer in Baily goes off, and it is dark when the classes end.

E. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50