Staff Council Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2016 @ 11AM

Attendees: Marolyn Gentles, Jenni Asman, Heath Wood, Charles Featherstone, Jodie Harper, Jamar Simmons, Michael Carter

Absent: Ariday Walkes, Russell Seagren, Christopher Robertson (excused), Carmen Newton (excused), Lashonda Linton, Mark Harper, Samantha?

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from the July 26th meeting were amended to show that Charles Featherstone was in attendance at the July 26th meeting and that Russel Seagren was not. These amended minutes were then approved by the committee.

Reports:

- Jodie will check with Mark Harper to ensure he is receiving meeting invitations
- Carmen provided electronic updates on increasing the discount for MARTA. She met with Phil in Auxiliary Services to discuss how subsidies are applied to employee MARTA cards. She then sent the cost breakdown since FY 2010. The revenue for the subsidy comes from revenue auxiliary services receives from parking. It is unlikely that auxiliary services will be able to increase that subsidy. Jenni mentioned that she spoke to folks from GA Tech while at AASHE and they mentioned they are currently in contact with MARTA about receiving an increased discount from MARTA for their employees. It was then discussed that we should connect with other USG schools on MARTA line to see what their current cost breakdown and rates are to make sure ours is comparable. We also need to check on PC rate. If we find out that our rates are comparable, we should then approach other schools to see if they would want to work on a proposal to MARTA or to the USG for an increased discount and/or subsidy. Jenni will connect Carmen with contacts from Tech and UGA.
- Lucy discussed the roll out of the new FLSA practices and how this may affect staff moral and how we may have an opportunity to present our flex time and telework time opportunities as a way to help with the change.
- Heath has scheduled a meeting for Jenni to present to the Development Department next week.
- Lucy has written staff council about scheduling a time for Jenni to present about sustainability and the green office certification. This was pushed back due to FLSA. Lucy will follow up and connect Jenni.
- Lucy is going to schedule a presentation for AYPS and will connect Jenni
- Jamar mentioned that there seems to be a disconnect between the research areas and the recycling program. He and Jenni will work on creating a solution for recycling glass and upcs in that area.
- Jenni mentioned the idea of adding an opportunity for individual employees/offices to be certified “green” like they do at Boston University. This would be an alternative to employees
whose departments may not be ready or want to go through the certification of a full department. Jenni will try to create a tailored application for this before the next meeting for committee member feedback. This may be a way to increase participation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.