

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MINUTES Staff Council – Georgia State University		Date: March 12, 2013
		Recorded by: Robert Crowder
Attending:	Robert (Bob) Crowder, Mike Wyatt , Stephen Rosner and <u>students</u> Atoosa Banaee, Gabrielle Every, Thanh Tran, Rachel Battle, Michael Nix, Rahmelle Buchanan, Rosa Felix, Van Jakes, Allana Anderson, Teshura Threet, Tyana Dassent, Cassandra Abioye, Frederle Love, Carl McCray, Drew Domnaver, Kasee Donovan, Sandra Aubrey, Chanteria Merritt, Jessica Johnson and Taylynn	

Agenda Item:	The committee was fortunate to have a group discussion with students from Professor Michael Shapiro’s class, PERS 2001 (Perspective-Comparative Law & Policy) which was studying sustainability. They were encouraged to share with the committee their personal feelings about sustainability and the university’s efforts to become more green and sustainable. Also, to share with the committee what they like to see happen to improve the university’s efforts.
Summary of Discussion (e.g. key topics, presenter):	Recycle receptacles in the dorms (The Commons and Piedmont North) were not strategically and conveniently located. The students were throwing recycle in the trash as a result of having to walk too far to the recycle locations. They would like to see more recycle bends throughout the campus specifically the common areas of each building.
Action Items:	Contact Marilyn A. DeLaRoche (Director of Housing), and share the student’s concerns and how this committee can assist in addressing those issues.

Agenda Item:	Recycle newspaper. Eliminate the newspaper reading and move towards an on-line application.
Summary of Discussion (e.g. key topics, presenter):	The student were very much concerned about the amount of newspaper printed, wasted or recycled by the “Signal” news office. The students feel that other sustainable means (on-line application) would better serve the university’s efforts of providing news reporting as a source for students, staff and faculty. Additionally, the amount of advertising flyers on the ground and floors throughout the university were an eye soar and that a better job could be done to remove them is needed.
Action Items:	The committee will reach out to those in charge with the Signal newspaper to see if any alternative methods are available to disseminate information that might eliminate the use of the traditional way we discard newspaper

Agenda Item:	Promoting the sustainability efforts more consistently.
Summary of Discussion (e.g. key topics, presenter):	Promoting sustainability and green is not consistent. There are times when the student hears about the efforts and then it disappears. Student loose interest and forget about any efforts to participate in any sustainable initiatives. Investigate the possibility of student T-Shirts promoting sustainability and going green.
Action Items:	The committee will investigate the possibility of these things happening.

Agenda Item:	Recycle competition and Purchasing green products between departments. Volunteering and community services to support our efforts. Extra points/credit by professors for students volunteering. Bike paths.
Summary of Discussion (e.g. key topics, presenter):	Students were inquiring about volunteering their services and specific fraternities (Psi Upsilon) to assist with promoting the committee's efforts. If there's a possibility for students getting extra points/credits from their Professors for community service and volunteering. Stephen continued the discussion of creating a contest between buildings on who recycle the most by weight. He also introduced an initiative for consideration of departments competing on who can purchase the most green products. .
Action Items:	The committee will take these items under advisement and investigate/explore the possibility of these things happening.

Agenda Item:	Adjourned.
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