

Staff Council Sustainability Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 2013

The Staff Council Sustainability Committee Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm with the following members present: Robert Crowder, Michael Wyatt, Colleen Blanchard, MaryAnne Gaunt, Steven Whitfield and Stephen Rosner.

Committee was updated on Georgia State University search for the new campus sustainability director we were informed that a budget has been established to fund the position along with several graduate assistants and supplies but not much else including sustainability initiatives.

The suggestion was made to invite Dr. Black to come and speak to staff council about his work on campus sustainability including student groups and community involvement. Also contacting Freshman Learning Communities (FLC) to engage students in supporting sustainability.

Turner Field Recycling Day is still on the committee's to do list but registration has been pushed back until March 2014.

Discussion on providing more recycle bins for buildings was brought up especially on each floor, in each classroom in the lobbies and student dorms. The rationale was the more bins that are conveniently located the more people will want to recycle.

The committee entered into a round table discussion of our fall 2013 sustainability roll-out initiatives:

A new sustainability t-shirt promotion for staff and students will begin in August and two designs were presented to the committee. T-shirts will be worn every other Friday to promote staff council, recycling, reuse and campus sustainability at present we have four building that will participate: Student/University Center, College of Education, Recreation Center and housing.

There will be an exhibit on Sustainability in the Gallery Lounge set to open August 26th through September 30th and committee members were encouraged to send pictures, artifacts and posters to be included in the exhibit.

Our committee will expand the Caught Green Handed Program with possible funding from the recycle center and we still need to finalize the prizes given to those caught recycling. Along with the program staff council committee instituted the "Green Team" which will be made up of student volunteers that will pass out flyers to help promote campus sustainability.

The concern was raised if we were speaking to new students at Incept about sustainability while the committee checks on this it was decided to put together a five minute power point presentation and identify give-a-ways for the event.

The committee final discussion was on future staff council sustainability initiatives for spring semester like the office/department/ college Go Green Competition and the Green Office Certification Program.

With no further business to discuss and all members in agreement the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.