

SEMC Meeting Minutes August 30, 2017

Brad Urbanczyk calls meeting to order.

Committee Review- Campus has an EMS in place based on ISO standard. Framework is plan, do, check, act.

Member responsibilities – it's not just a free lunch. It is expected for members to bring ideas back from the meetings to their departments/colleges as well as bring ideas to the committee for action.

Open discussion on member responsibilities – take information back to the departments/colleges to get feedback. What are the environmental impacts in your areas, departments, colleges, research etc.

Barbara Musgrove mentioned looking at SSC as a whole rather than departments within their organization. SSC is looking at having a student committee consisting of student workers to become more aware of sustainability/environmental issues.

Questions were asked on how faculty/staff can spread the word about SEMC? What can they do to get departments/colleges up to speed on SEMC? How do we as a committee get information out to faculty and staff and not just students?

The University isn't good at publicizing their selves on environmental issues and what we are doing across the campus.

It was suggested that a standardized presentation be created to give to colleges/departments across campus. It can include specifics on certain buildings, ie recycling areas, etc, to get conversations started about environmental issues and what the SEMC can do for them. Question is who do we invite to the presentations or the key people to involve?

Jeff Truss discuss doing a gap analysis and getting committee members involved for their respective areas. The analysis hasn't been done in a long time, with the exception of the small annual review with the EMS Core Team. A form will be sent to each committee member to review with a small group within their college/department. Look at what pertains to the area and list the top 5 environmental issues as well as suggestions for improvements. Please have these completed in one month.

AASHE national conference is October 15, 2017.
Sustainability Day is October 25, 2017.

Sustainability Master Plan ASG was hired to complete this update. There will be 4 working groups. Draft plan hopefully before the holiday break if not it will be January. There will be a website to distribute information concerning the master plan.

Next meeting - October 11, 2017.

Meeting adjourned.