

## **SEMC Meeting Minutes October 11, 2017**

Barbara calls meetings to order. Barbara Musgrove is the new Vice Chair for the year. Carol Binzer is out of town so Barbara will be running the meeting.

Don Crawford SSC Grounds

Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) trade organization for grounds managers for institutions such as colleges/universities/municipalities

Accreditation peer review program that evaluates strategic grounds management principles SSC is the first out-sourced organization to get the accreditation. Process is lengthy. Rating system 1-4 stars. The goal was 2 stars.

A number of our vision 2020 peer schools are currently working to get accreditation. The accreditation is good for 3 years. Will have to start the process again next year.

Notable projects:

100% diversion rate for green waste staying on campus to be reused as compost and mulch  
campus wide irrigation renovation to reduce water consumption by 20% by 2019  
audit, inventory and heat mapping of campus exterior trash receptacles for determining placement for multi-stream receptacle conversion.

There is always room for improvement. Proctors get surveys every month. Please fill those out it communicates to facilities on how they can improve. Gave the example of using battery operated equipment by Evans library due to the noise from gas powered mowers, weed-eaters etc. They would not have known if the proctor had not filled out the survey.

Work with student groups on campus to complete audits and projects that need to be completed. Students get real world experience.

Internally -Streamline SOPs documenting what's not written down. . Externally –campus masterplan, design & planning phase of construction of buildings. Continue to work on sustainability such as alternative fuels, selective pruning to reduce green waste.

Many challenges in figuring out the water consumption at this point. The new system will help to figure that out in the next year. Trying to get to 80-million gallon savings but will take time due to the number of problems from old piping and systems.

Fence line vote – read the newly written fence line. Jeff explains the fence line wording

Nathan Jones made the motion, Barbara second. Vote passed. Tassie will add the fence line to the agenda for upcoming meeting.

Stream Clean – we have 75 volunteers at last check. We will be cleaning in White Creek and Burton Creek again.

Kristianna Bowles – Sustainability Challenge

In the past has been a point system. Will be changing the challenge this year. It is more about getting the information out about sustainability. UES is working on whether or not they will be monitoring the halls again. Invites will be sent out the ERS, Contacted the Battalion to publish sustainability articles. Clean Plate Project – still on the fence if that will be done.

Kelly – CSD Wed Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 9-1 in Rudder Plaza.

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon – student forum for campus master plan

Microgrants – small grants, \$1500 or less & completed in 6 months, Sept 15 – March or until the money runs out.

Green Fund grants opens today. Closes November 27<sup>th</sup>

ASHE conference in San Antonio, 35 TAMU people going Sunday – Wednesday

STARS data due Friday.

Texas Arbor Day – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 11-1 Ross Plaza, free food drawing, for 10 century tree seedlings, tree crew demonstration

Location for next meeting – if anyone has something they would like to show the committee please let Tassie know. Ben and Kelly looking for GSC.

Next meeting December 13.

Check with Carol on Feb for Hullabaloo

Barbara meeting space for April.