

August 29th, 2018 SEMC Meeting

Tassie Hermann: Over the summer we went through the draft version of the Campus Sustainability Master Plan to highlight targets that SEMC had already discussed, or that an individual member was passionate about, specifically, environmental targets.

The idea will be to create subcommittees for each of these goals, comprised of volunteers from the committee. We want to get some action items in place for these goals soon. We will also encourage outside members, such as experts in these areas, and possibly students that can help bring in outside information. It is also important that members go back to their departments and share the information that is being discussed at these meetings. Subcommittees will meet on off months of SEMC meetings.

Decided on three different goals:

- Increase diversion rates of non-construction waste
 - Conducting universal waste audits on campus and then focusing on areas of improvement
 - Universal waste can be rechargeable batteries, mercury-containing devices, lighting and lamps, and paint related waste. Any hazardous material that is found in everyday items.
 - Expanding educational, marketing, and communication tools to increase the knowledge base of how recycling on campus works.
 - Placing paper recycling bins in all offices.
 - Place interior three-stream recycling bins in each classroom, conference room, and lobby.
 - Increase exterior recycling bins around campus base on 2017 exterior waste audit results.
 - Increase availability of recycling at athletic events.
- Decrease campus energy use intensity
 - Campus buildings can cut energy use by:
 - Increasing effectiveness of air-side heat recovery.
 - Updating building automation systems.
 - Communicating system feedback to end users.
 - Upgrading laboratory fume hoods.
 - Meaningfully integrating exterior shading solutions, such as that provided by trees or architectural features.
 - Aggies can cut energy use by:
 - Turning off the lights when exiting a room.
 - Turning off and unplugging devices prior to extended campus breaks.
 - This bullet point would be more an area for SEMC to focus on than the first
- Evolve architectural guidelines in alignment with the 2017 Campus Master Plan.
 - Discussed that we need to bring the campus architect in to brief SEMC on what they are working on their end.
 - Update the campus Facility Design Guidelines to align with criteria stated in LEED 2009, LEED v4, and SITES.
 - Revise exterior building envelope guidelines first to maximize long-term energy savings.

- Apply revised cistern guidelines to the maintenance and/or renovation of existing campus cisterns.
- Marketing of the SEMC
 - Most people on campus will tell you they don't know what the SEMC is, that we have existed for ten years.
 - Would like a subcommittee to get together to work on marketing campaign that outlines, current projects, goals, history, and future of SEMC.

We have reached out to Student Government Association about having a representative attend these meetings. Still awaiting response from that office.

Other important things to note:

Vice Chair nominations and membership. Ben Kalscheur was the only one to volunteer. Ben is now Vice Chair.

Still need representation from purchasing. Will be meeting with Chris to get somebody.

October 10th meeting date in question due to conflicting events for some members. Do we want to move this date? October 17th discussed as potential date instead. Will be decided upon at a later time.

September 14th there is an activity at Rudder Plaza with several different types of emergency planning booths setup for students to stop by.

October 24th is Campus Sustainability Day.

Stream Clean will be October 27th. Still finalizing hazardous wastes contracts and until then, date of event is subject to change and won't be made public until finalized.

Gordon Evans: Some tweaking will be done to system policy 2401, paragraph 4, Risk Management. This committee is enabled through this policy. If anyone wants to take a look at it and provide suggestions, changes, additions, or tweaks to make it more effective. Will take a couple of months to work through.

Meeting adjourned.