

August 28, 2019 SEMC Meeting Minutes

Tassie H. and others

Synopsis of changes from the system office:

- Original language/terminology reintroduced
- Roles and responsibilities changed
 - Essentially requires administration to back an environmental policy and send annual notices out about their stance on the policy.
 - Stress that sustainability is important, but some focus needs to be returned to environmental stewardship and compliance. (covers all of environmental management)
 - Updated document/longer list
 - President needs to have clear understanding so nothing is missing in the new version of the statement
 - Policy statement needs to comply and be approved which will help ensure the president is aware of the actual policy itself.
 - Some things discussed are already happening on campus
 - Proposal needs to be drafted by Christmas

Upcoming website update

Renewed emphasis on environmental compliance

Ensure it is as clear as the regulation says it does may look into adding something simple addition to the statement. Add a bullet/bullets about it

Global impact-need to change the focus to encompass more than our campus (global issues and how what is going on in our community impacts the whole) offer opportunity for more people to be involved think they are making a bigger difference?

Stickers need to be included here in the update (contact Zach/)

Emphasis on the addition of 2 new bullet points discussing stewardship and compliance.

(Monica H. and others)

Review and write another one and vote on it by the next meeting

Existing SOP update

Assessing fines and violations

Sort out the language policies and requirements

Standard guideline/documentation/process check

Dealing with the construction/activities on campus that are becoming more and more prevalent and out of our hands

Causing some issues and relooking at standard that has been in place to deal with the increasing issues that technically all under our jurisdiction.

Those directly affected by the construction documents need to have access to more knowledge/more understanding when dealing with the unclear language they come written in

Discussing where new RELLIS campus falls

Are they still under the main campus or are they going to attempt so it on their own

When constituents fall under campus administration

Solve this problem by considering the (MS4) boundaries and how Blinn makes it work

Group Updates

Marketing:

- Social media campaign graphics to highlight discussed bullet points
- Helpful to publicize meetings / making things more accessible for others.
- Focus on renewable energy as well

Waste pilot program

6 Major Buildings will be picked to focus on trash and recycling. Get into the numbers to keep track of weights and rates of what all is really coming out of these buildings. Be able to see how we are doing.

Bike Share update (veoride)

Awesome numbers to hear about veoride

Making it free had an outstanding turn out. 1,000 new riders one day, 900 the next, and so on. Seen as many rides as the past 6 months in the past few weeks.

Now more focus needs to be on where to park. The bikes are still ending up in inappropriate places, but starting to see less and less in those places because the employees are more efficient at picking them up.

There are some hot spots that need to be managed more efficiently (Zachary, Northside dorms, and commons). The locations are so busy that the bikes disappear and reappear hourly/daily.

Limits have been set on the amount of bikes that are off campus as well as the time they can spend off campus. It is a waste to have them off campus when they could have been used on campus.

Upcoming events this year/semester

9/18 2 o'clock Webinar

- Master plans and how they relate/build on one another

10/19 Stream clean

- Send out an email about how shirts will only go to the first checking groups of people since some will volunteer their time without taking home a t-shirt.

10/24 Campus Sustainability Day

- Thursday in Rudder Plaza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 2020

Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability (TRACS) Summit

- South Padre Island all Texas campuses come together and discuss what they are doing with sustainability.

Meeting Adjourned

Those who attended:

TEEX	Howard Meek
Agri-life Research & Research	Brad Urbanczyk
TVMDL	Casey DuPont
TS Bike Share Program Coordinator	Byron Prestridge
UES	Chris Dieckert
UES	Darryl Petersen
Res Life	Carol Binzer
EHS	Monica Hartman
Sustainability Office	Ben Kalscheur
<u>EHS</u>	Tassie Hermann
<u>Sustainability Office</u>	Kelly Wellman
<u>SASE</u>	Chris Meyer