

## Sustainability & Environmental Management Committee

Meeting Minutes for 02/12/2020

### **Working group updates and goal revisions**

#### **Energy**

Nothing coordinated

#### **Marketing**

Unable to meet since last meeting

#### **Waste**

No updates on goals specifically

Shelia is no longer working with UES so direct questions to/contact Darryl or Jesse

Outsourcing/BVR proposed RFP final draft will be sent upstairs soon to purchasing-waiting on executive director approval. Items outsourced include normal plastic and paper recycling from all buildings normally serviced. UES will still take care of front loader bins (cardboard and pallets). Asking partner to help with promotion and ideas to do more on campus. No positions being lost because of this. In fact, UES will continue to have someone on campus to contact for issues while also posting Shelia's position with some changes.

**All groups are strongly encouraged to meet among themselves and look over changes and goals before the next SEMC meeting**

**Tassie will begin scheduling working groups meetings with her to get individual updates for the SEMC website and system report**

#### **Policy Update – Tassie**

Do have signed policy which will be updated to website soon

Include policy roll out or goal update for upcoming Earth day event

#### **STARS**

Submitted back in December. Unlike past submissions, there was not one thing they wanted to be changed. Score of 70.15. Still Gold but is lower than past ratings. Four consecutive years of meeting stars goals of Gold.

## **Aggie Green Fund**

Preliminary approval of some grants happened at their initial meetings. Will officially be announced at the end of next week (2/21/2020).

Grant money approved up to this point is above 2 Million dollars.

Big examples of the grant money at work include exterior recycling, hydration stations, and the Howdy Farm.

Howdy Farm all student driven and off the grid. Individuals can volunteer there as well as set up a time to tour the farm.

## **EPI-Energy Performance Improvement Program**

Made tremendous strides at several facilities. Kyle field and Vet Vini, Vidi, Vichy at college of medicine complex. They have avoided \$409,000 in costs at Kyle Field and \$294,000 at V.V.V.V for an overall savings of over 700 grand since April. (Actual measured consumption cost)

New close out protocol for Kyle Field game days saves \$50,000 a month. Athletics is very satisfied with the numbers.

The next facilities will be the health science center complex and 1811 vet research.

Driven by educational energy project. Getting instant feedback from building partners/occupants instead of no input/little feedback. Also gain a better understanding exactly how the building is being used.

Reporting period will continue to run until March.

The motivation for buildings to participate in more sustainable and energy friendly practices is they will be getting a one-time check of half of what is saved/not spent.

## **EWaste - Kristianna**

Bins are full around campus meaning there is an extra 50 lbs saved from going to the landfill since the fall.

Another green fund grant includes fill it forward stickers. Works with a free app and QR code to keep track of user's positive environmental footprint. Scanning the code tells users how much in other measurements they are saving and what the user's input goes to one of the apps partnered water charities. Helps different water projects around the world.

## Aggie Sustainability Alliance

Central office did receive certificate for champion level office

Individual certifications have to happen first. 35% of the office has to be certified first. There are so many practices offices are already doing that are sustainable. Sign up is a super simple checklist.

## Veo Ride- Byron

There are 150 electric bikes on campus. In the first week they were used almost 2,000 times and over 2,200 the week after.

There are 2,500 pedal bikes total with 2,100 being used with rides up to 3500 rides a day depending on the weather.

E bikes generate more revenue for Veo Ride and this department gets back 20% on each E bike ride. Funds will go back into the department towards bike racks and other necessities.

Another issue with the bikes is the unlocking mechanism is 2G which is being phased out between now and the end of December. Tmobile has not given much information on when this is happening/when Veo Rides will have to figure out another solution by.

Solution to the lock mechanisms may be an easy fix but could be complicated/not cost effective.

Next meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Meeting Adjourned

Those who attended:

TEEX	Howard Meek
TVMDL	Casey DuPont
Bike Share Program Coordinator	Byron Presridge
UES-Supervisor for Energy Improvement Program	Chris Dieckert
UES- Manager for Water & Environmental Services	Darryl Petersen
SSC	Babara Musgrove
Res Life	Carol Binzer
Construction Science	Zofia Rybkowski
EHS	Monica Hartman
Sustainability Office	Ben Kalscheur
EHS Staff	Tassie Hermann

EHS Staff	Jeff Truss
SASE	Chris Meyer
Guest-Res Life	Kristianna Bowles