

April 8, 2020

Working Group Updates:

Energy group gave a presentation on their goals. They added an additional goal requesting the SEMC support a focus group to help achieve the goals.

Marketing did not have any updates.

Waste has not been able to meet. UES is severely shorthanded at the moment. The solid waste minimization position has not been filled and they would like to have that person in place prior to setting new goals for this group. UES is still receiving request for recycling across the campus, however the departments decline after finding out they are responsible for paying for the bins. Brazos Valley Recycling contract is in purchasing for approval. Athletics has reached out to UES for partnering in recycling instead of BVR.

Aggie Green Fund Update:

Micro-grant application deadline is February 28, 2020 or until the funds run out. \$30,000 available, 12 grants approved which total \$25,800. There were three major categories: recycling and waste, water conservation and renewable energy.

Major grant applications, there were four approved totaling \$142,424.

Sustainability will also host a virtual Earth Day event. Several universities will be participating and it will be on the Sustainability website.

TREX Update:

The TREX challenge reached their goal of 643 pounds. Southside dorms won the challenge so they will be receiving the bench this year. College of Engineering will host their own challenge as well as School of Public Health.

Kristianna also provided an update on the E-Waste collection. To date there has been 50 pounds collected from 5 bins across campus.

Move out plans are being developed. Goodwill will not be bringing in trucks this year due to Covid-19. There are still about 1900 students in the dorms. There will not be a food donation collection. Res-life is hoping to capture some of the abandoned property from going to the trash.

Other Business:

EPI just finished up the Kyle Field project. There were \$547,041 in avoided costs.

Athletics is working with Sustainability to create a master plan for sustainability.

VeoRide bike usage has gone down considerably due to Covid. VeoRide has laid off all their part-time staff and one full time staff. They have closed some of their other markets permanently, some will be closed until Covid is over.

TEEX has deployed 80 staff to different areas of the state to collect and distribute PPE. Eight centers, 16-18 volunteers to assist with data entry for Covid testing.

College of Architecture is printing frames for face shields.

Next meeting via Zoom May 13, 2020