

SEMC Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 via Zoom

- Meeting called to order 11:30 am
- Tassie Hermann: overview of agenda
- Solid Waste Minimization Plan Presentation - Taylor Cooleen
 - Upstream - upstream approaches focus on the reduction of possible materials in our waste
 - Sustainable purchasing
 - Dining material usage
 - Zero waste event
 - Leadership's role
 - Minimization in Aggie Culture
 - Downstream - downstream approaches focus on handling the materials that are in our waste streams. The goal is to properly sort and manage the materials to minimize the amount going to landfills
 - Composting
 - Food waste and animal waste diversion
 - Tailgating
 - Drop off site
 - Landscape waste
 - Glove recycling
 - Styrofoam recycling
 - E-waste
 - Textile waste
 - TREX plastic film expansion
 - Connecting with research
 - Infrastructure and Construction - strategic initiatives are focused on those items that should be in place to ensure the structural and procedural standards include considerations for successful waste minimization
 - Bin standardization
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Construction and renovation waste
 - Detailed mapping
 - New buildings
 - Education and outreach - once complete policies and procedures are implemented, ensuring our vast and ever-changing audiences are aware of and appropriately using the solid waste minimization tools will be critical to success.
 - Websites
 - Residence hall outreach
 - Community and regional engagement
 - Service opportunities
 - Student engagement
 - Custodial education
 - Data and operations - methods of collecting and interpreting data to inform on program ideas and goals. Using the data to report our improvements and progress on the plan.

- Data and metrics
 - Recycling and waste audits
 - Scheduling
 - Website content
- Updates
 - Chris Dieckert
 - EPI - Human Clinical Research Facility
 - Finished year long project, saving facility 103k, 42% reduction
 - Kelly Wellman
 - Sustainability Awards Breakfast
 - Registration closes Friday
 - Kristianna Bowles
 - Officially full time - Sustainability Coordinator
 - UChallenge Research Competition
 - Recycled over 500 pounds of film
 - Grocery Give & Grab (G3)
 - Collection locations up from Monday, 4/25, through Saturday, 5/14
 - Locations
 - White Creek Activity Center
 - Gardens Apts. Community Center
 - Commons 24 Hr. Desk
 - Hullabaloo Hall 24 Hr. Desk
 - Acceptable items: nonperishable, unopened, and unexpired (i.e. crackers, peanut butter, soup, etc.)
 - Aggie Green Fund grant - Pocket Pantries Program
 - Donate, Don't Dump Durable Goods Collection
 - Collection locations up from Wednesday, 5/4, through Saturday, 5/14
 - Acceptable items: clothes, kitchen/dinnerware, décor, non-Res Life furniture, etc.
 - Locations
 - Interior
 - 2 gray rolling bins/location will be placed by Residence Life Facilities & Operations staff
 - Gardens Apts. Community Center – St. Vincent/Habitat
 - Approximate address: 250 Calvin Moore Ave, College Station, TX 77840
 - White Creek Activity Center – St. Vincent/Habitat
 - Approximate address: 225 Discovery Dr, College Station, TX 77845
 - Hullabaloo 24 Hr. Desk – BV CASA
 - Approximate address: 306 University Dr, College Station, TX 77840
 - Exterior

- Cargo van* on Southside @ bollards behind Eppright/Appelt Halls – BV CASA
 - Approximate address: 695 Spence St, College Station, TX 77840
 - *Van will be placed from 8 am – 5 pm daily
 - Locations will have a Residence Life A-frame sign and must also have banner/signage of the partner accepting donations at that location (see example image below)
 - Exploring Permanent Swap Store location
 - Ben Kalscheur
 - Virtual Student Talks for Earth Month
 - Earth Day Event
 - April 19th, 9am-1pm in Rudder Plaza
 - [2022 Virtual Earth Month | Office of Sustainability \(tamu.edu\)](https://www.tamu.edu/sustainability/)
 - Jesse Carswell
 - 12 Micro grants
 - 4 Major grants
 - 500 faculty, 250 students ASA certified
 - Byron Prestridge
 - Over 47,000 rides in 2022
 - Cosmos make up 77%
 - Positive behavior from parking rules
 - Receive Aggie Green Fund grant - expanding Lease Bike Program by 30 bikes (75 total)
 - UCG is about to get charger upgrades (will be 4)
 - George Bush charger is being repaired
 - Tassie Hermann
 - Green Procurement now has a Procurement representative –
- Committee Breakout Rooms
 - Green Procurement
 - Overview of STARS requirements
 - Excited to bring on Cherise Toler, Strategic Sourcing
 - Marketing
 - Pushing SEMC post for ASA newsletter
 - Social Media post
 - Bulk email to faculty and staff
 - Reaching out to student leadership to recruit student liaisons
 - Diversion
- Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm
- Attendees

SSC		Barbara Musgrove
EHS Staff		Monica Hartmann
EHS Staff		Tassie Hemann
EHS Staff		Kyla Hall

EHS Director		Christina Robertson
Transportation Services		Byron Prestridge
Utilities – Solid Waste Minimization Coordinator		Taylor Cooleen
Sustainability Office		Ben Kalscheur
Sustainability Office		Jesse Carswell
Sustainability Office		Kelly Wellman
University Dining		Yadira Hernandez -Plascencia
EHS Assistant Director		Jeff Truss
EHS Staff		Diana Freas-Lutz
EHS Staff		Jason West
Residence Life		Kristianna Bowles
Residence Life		Carol Binzer
Utilities and Energy Services		Chris Diekert
Professor, Management		Leonard Bierman
Construction Science Faculty Representative		Manish Dixit

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022