

Sustainability Task Force Notes
1/28/2011

I. Introductions

- A. Paul Brokhin- working as Sustainability coordinator for Plant Operations, will be working as a Sustainability Liaison, grant seeking, green operations coordinator
- B. Katrina Wamble – working with Rahil Shah and Emily Messa on the UH Newsletter, AASHE data collection and Recycle Mania data collection

II. Updates

- A. Dining Hall-West
 - 1. Expected to open a stand alone dining facility in Cougar Woods (Wheeler and Cullen)
 - 2. Current OB Dining Hall will be converted into meeting space for Residential Life and Housing
 - 3. Will be the first LEED Silver certified building at UH
 - 4. Opening in Fall 2012
- B. Stadium Parking Garage
 - 1. Breaking ground in August
 - 2. Will have 10 electric vehicle car charging stations
 - 3. NRG and contractor doing installations, also doing installations around the City of Houston
 - 4. NRG- freedom stations, currently 5 in the city aiming for 150
 - 5. Currently \$90 payment will give access to our charging stations and also access to city freedom stations
- C. Energy Policy
 - 1. Spoke to Peggy Levy from Policy and Procedures, look out for the Energy Policy to be released soon to the community
- D. Visit to Texas A&M
 - 1. Met with Sustainability Director, Kelly Wellman, two weeks ago with Micah, Paul, Johnnie and Leah
 - 2. Learned about her role as director of sustainability- acting as a conduit and liaison between departments about green initiatives on campus
 - 3. Worked on and published a Texas A&M visioning
 - 4. Our carbon footprint is lower in comparison
 - 5. Learned about new ways we can continue to engage faculty, staff and students: energy turn off competition in the residential halls- Texas A&M did this for a week and saved 30,000 dollars!
 - a. Water reclamation and metering every building some next step initiatives
 - b. After metering of every building complete, send a information statement to all departments to inform them how much energy they're using
- E. Student Leadership Council presented by Sarah Chesley
 - 1. 8 members
 - 2. Promote awareness of recycling to students
 - 3. More education on the campus
 - 4. HRM- going to classes, informing everyone about the recycling
 - 5. Contacted 40 student organizations about Recycle Mania student competition
 - 6. Will be going to student organization meetings

7. Please find how we can do better with indoor recycling
- F. Green UH Website
 1. Organizing the website so that its easy to navigate
 2. Have a welcome page for each tab and redirect you to what you need to find
 - G. Green UH Newsletter presented by Katrina Wamble
 1. Will be releasing the Green UH Newsletter
 2. Forum and newsletter with information, task force members please use it as a newsletter to inform campus what you're working on
 - H. Community Learning Agricultural Sustainability Program
 1. Will be hosting a Community Garden Summit on April 8 and 9
 2. Inviting other campuses to UH to talk about community gardens
- III. Action Items
- A. Please come to the Commuter Fair on Feb 8 and 9 inform students about METRO
 - B. If you have an affiliation with a student group- let us know we'd like them to be involved with Recycle Mania