

University of Houston

Campus Sustainability Task Force Meeting

January 15, 2010

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Emily Messa, Leah Wolfthal, Shankar Chellam, James Glennie, Alpa Vaghani, Sameer Kapileshwari, Kenneth, Fomunung Patrick Peters, Christina Yanascavage and Rahil Shah.

- Emily spoke about last semester's fair on Green Uh Day.
- Recycle Mania update and kick off
 - Emily provided some updates on Recycle Mania and also mentioned universities that would be participating in our Recycle Mania kick-off.
- Task Force recommended the graphic communication course design, recycling stations and that this class make a proposal to the Task Force. Emily will work with graphic communications.
- Emily updated the Task Force on the upcoming 'Next Bus' program and transportation initiatives including car sharing and ride sharing programs.
- Discussion of Policies
 - Campus sustainability
 - Task Force (Shankar) provided some new ways of introducing sustainability in new and younger faculty members. He also suggested in introducing sustainability in academics and to introduce sustainability at new student orientation held by ISSSO.
 - Emily discussed different ways to work on the course which she will be teaching this semester with 2 other professors. Some of the projects for the course include programming the new sustainable floor in Cougar Village.

- Dining Sustainability
 - Emily briefly discussed about the start of 100% Fair Trade Coffee at the Java city and re-usable to go containers.
- Campus Community Garden Update- Leah Wolfthal
 - Leah provided some updates on Campus Community garden and also mentioned about her first seminar on Community Garden which will be on January 28th, 2010.
- Future Work
 - Emily provided some updates on AASHE and carbon foot prints and recommended that the Task Force have a presentation on Carbon Foot Print and STARS at their next meeting. The Task Force agreed that this should be a focus of the next meeting.
 - Task Force (Sameer, Shankar and Patrick) will be working on gathering information about energy efficient buildings and the results will be provided in the next meeting.
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