

University of Houston

Campus Sustainability Task Force

March 3, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Paulina Guerrero, Keith Kowalka, Erica Sims, Pat Sanchez, Sameer Kapileshwari, Emily Messa, Alpa Vaghani, Mike Angel (guest), Dr. Peter Bishop (guest presenter), Dr. Barry Lefer (guest presenter) and Lauren Baker (guest)

- Dr. Barry Lefer and Dr. Peter Bishop presented the university's carbon footprint calculation.
 - 46% of the university's carbon footprint is from buildings
 - 51% of the university's carbon footprint is from the commute by students, faculty and staff
- The Task Force discussed ways that the university could work to reduce its carbon footprint.
 - Increasing the university's focus on carpooling and increased focus on mass transit
 - Parking and Transportation has added a free, ridesharing service – AlterNet Transportation
- The Task Force highlighted recent RecycleMania events.
 - Lauren Baker provided an update on the educational tablings.
 - Alpa Vaghani updated the Task Force on RecycleMania results:
 - UH is 51st in the "Grand Champion" competition
 - UH is 1st place in Texas as of March 3rd

Next Meeting: April 7th at 2:30 p.m. Location to be determined.