

Sustainability Task Force  
March 30, 2010  
10am-11:30am  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Emily Messa, Jonas Chin, Christina Yanascavage, Shankar Chellam, Barry Lefer, Alexandra McGuffey, Rahil Shah and University Services Marketing Team

- I. Open Forum
- II. Updates
  - a) Co-curricular activities
    1. Different strategies for using recycled paper like rewarding departments for purchasing post consumer paper were discussed
    2. Emily Messa spoke about the Closed Loop Recycling Program and compared our new contract with the older one
    3. Messa also mentioned that we will receive about 1000 paper recycling boxes from our new contractors with UH logo on it
  - b) Greenhouse Gas Committee
    1. Dr. Barry Lefer plan on 80% reduction on greenhouse gas in the next 20 years will be proposed during the Fall 2010 semester
    2. Short-term goals will be discussed in Summer 2010
    3. He believes that Recycling and Reusing pays for the cost of reducing energy
- III. Mandatory Training Plan
  - a) Motive of this training is to encourage staff and faculty more towards recycling
  - b) Training will be divided in 3 parts namely Recycle, Reduce and Reuse
  - c) UH uses 15 millions of paper each fiscal year
  - d) Some policies and key points to encourage people in recycling was also discussed by the Task Force
    1. Adjust your printer options to double side printing
    2. Provide a policy for professors to ask students to submit a 2-sided paper copy
    3. Provide links on the university website for the closet recycling bin on campus
- IV. Earth Day
  - a) Festivities
    1. Mark your calendar for the Earth Day celebration on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 between 11am-4.00pm
- V. RecycleMania Updates
  - a) Closing Ceremony for RecycleMania on March 30, 2010 at the University Center at 11.00am
  - b) Policy of RecycleMania will be emailed to the Task Force Members

c) UH ranks 16<sup>th</sup> in USA for waste minimization

VI. Metro Redux

- a) Mark your calendar for April 29<sup>th</sup> Rockwell Pavillion 3 pm as the officials from Metro will give a presentation for the progress in their work
- b) Emily Messa suggested for a campaign to tell people for using I-45 and Spur 5 freeways while the work on Metro is going on to avoid traffic congestion

VII. Updates about Green House Gas and Mandatory Training will be provided in the next meeting

VIII. Adjourn