

Sustainability Task Force Meeting
December 11, 2009 Minutes

I. Open Forum

- A. Task Force welcome Patrick Peters from Architecture to replace Dr. Sabatino
 - 1. Professor Peters is a professor in the College of Architecture eager to get involved in Sustainability Task Force
 - 2. Working on studio designs for greener building designs for the future
 - 3. Hopes to get more student architecture majors more involved in what is going on with Task Force

II. Carbon Footprint Report

- A. Insight on Statistics- Still working on the details and the formal presentation for the Carbon Footprint actual numbers
- B. Need to add in more areas around campus and buildings, look
- C. Carbon Footprint
 - 1. Look into the relationship between UT and Austin Metro
 - 2. Mass-transit helps, a lot of carbon coming from commuting

III. Co. Curricular Report

- A. Recycling Competition Components
 - 1. Composting/Garden has been successful this semester
 - a. Over 800 gallons has been composted this semester!
 - b. We are now doing both pre and post composting
 - c. Have built a new partnership with Urban Harvest, classes are now at UH and in return we receive professional guidance with our garden, soon to come
 - d. Issues with the area in Lynn Eusan- low land, flooding is bad, working with Urban Harvest on solutions
 - 2. Report from Housing Meeting
 - a. Housing is planning on working with us on program for new dorms off of Wheeler (Cougar Village)
 - b. Program would entail a Sustainable themed floor where students continue to work on programs together to educate others on the benefits of being more sustainable
 - c. Residential Housing Council for Sustainability is in the works, this would be similar to Eco-Reps in the halls
 - 1. Would report to Sustainability Task Force and work with the Task Force on Green Events and initiatives
 - 3. RecycleMania Calendar and Homework
 - a. Green Commuter Fair is coming back on Feb. 2 and 3rd

- b. Look forward to more information tablins in the dormitories
- c. Issued an official challenge to other Houston universities, we plan on winning it all
- d. RecycleMania calendar is complete and is on the uh.edu/green, check it out

IV. Sub-Committees

- A. Important to remember that sub-committees are were research and work can get done
 - 1. Focus- work towards developing a Carbon Footprint Master Plan
 - 2. Finding and creating more courses that advocate for sustainability and working with faculty
 - 3. Starting the new year, will be meeting with each member to talk about sub-committees and areas of passion in Sustainability

V. Happy Holidays!

- A. Spring Semester
 - 1.Meeting Calendar – Will be meeting on 3rd Friday of each month at 10am, keep it open