COMMITTEE: University Environment Committee

MEETING DATE: April 30, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Eban Bean, Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eban Bean, Tony Capehart, Gary Levine, Monica Webb, Sonya Hardin

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Koch, Lauren Gunter, Eric Gardner, John Gill, Brian Glover, Scott Lecce

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Griffin Avin

ACTIONS OF MEETING

1. Standing items

   Action Taken: Attendance taken. Reviewed Agenda, motion to approve Powers and seconded by Glover, motion passed.

2. Business
   a. Griff Avin, ECU Chief Sustainability Officer
      i. Facilities Services Activities
         Avin reported on the activities of the Facilities Services to reduce water usage, including availability of manual vs. sensored lavatories, low flow regulators on faucets in restroom and lab sinks, and waterless urinal trials planned on the Health Science Campus.

         Facilities Services is evaluating installation of hand dryers to reduce paper towel waste, but lack funds for installation and power supply.

         Facilities Services is also in the process of replacing tens of thousands of lights on campus to reduce energy usage.

         Facilities Services will be submitting their first AASHE STARS report at the end of this calendar year. Avin requested assistance from the University Environment Committee with collecting information related to the integration of sustainability into the curriculum. This aligns well with the Center for Sustainability’s inventory of sustainability related courses.

         The University Environment Committee members were supportive of the work done by Facilities Services. Activity on the list of sustainability courses was tabled until the fall.
**Discussion:** Members asked questions of clarification and Avin responded. Members stated willingness to support Facilities Services efforts and asked Avin to attend meeting in the fall.  
**Action taken:** None at this time.

ii. University Sustainability Committee

Avin requested the University Environment Committee appoint a representative to the University Sustainability Committee to facilitate a clear channel of communication between the groups.

**Discussion:** John Gill volunteered to serve as the initial representative.  
**Action taken:** John Gill appointed Committee representative to University Sustainability Committee.

b. Sustainability Courses Website

The Center for Sustainability is working to establish a web page of sustainability related courses on campus. This will also be of value to the Facilities Services AASHE STARS reporting effort.

**Discussion:** Various means to collect sustainability related course data were discussed, including a qualtrics survey, email solicitation to faculty, and UEC members taking responsibility for courses in respective departments and colleges. Some members planned to initiate collecting information over the summer, but the topic was tabled until the next meeting in the fall.  
**Action taken:** None at this time.

3. **Annual Report**

Bean presented a draft of the Committee’s annual report to the committee and requested additional input to finalize the report.  
**Discussion:** The committee members contributed to the list of accomplishments, business to be carried over to the next year, evaluation of the committee, and suggestions to improve the effectiveness of the Committee.  
**Action taken:** Motion to approve Bean, seconded Gardner, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 27, 2015