

University Sustainability Committee

May 11, 2017

Members Present: Dr. James Bridgeforth, Victor Cohen, Todd Culp, Ben Hannan, Dr. Krista Harrell, Cecelia Martin, Kelly Rushing

Members Absent: Sara Boccoardo, Dr. Glen Borchert, Josh Crownover, Sabrina de Jong, William Guess, Dr. Doug Marshall, Diana Nichols, Brad Sanders

Guests: Dr. Kevin White, Caroline Polska (for Dr. Borchert), Conleigh Gilmore (for Brad Sanders)

Call to Order/Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Dr. James Bridgeforth. The minutes for the April 20, 2017 were approved.

Dr. Bridgeforth recognized and introduced the guests.

Old Business:

1. Recycling Implementation Update: Todd Culp reported. Currently, 20 buildings have been implemented for recycling. The goal is to have all buildings implemented for recycling by May 2018.
2. Update on Annual Report: Dr. Borchert will report at June 2017 meeting.

New Business:

1. Presentation by Dr. White regarding the Three Mile Creek Watershed Management Plan and the major challenges to the storm water runoff. He demonstrated all of the factors that are contributing the flooding of Three Mile Creek. Dr. White has received a grant to improve storm water management on campus. He is proposing different ways to catch the water on campus so that we don't flood someone downstream. Rain Garden Depressions to hold water and allow it to permeate the ground and Rain barrels to catch rain water. All of the suggestions are to slow down the storm water to prevent flooding and erosion. Depending on the soil type, certain plants can be used to prevent storm water runoff.

Dr. White has designed rain (rock) gardens in strategic locations near Meisler Hall to help with erosion and flooding on campus. He is working with Randy Moon's office to accomplish this project.

The university is now required to have its own storm water permit – MS4. Dr. White's grant requires him to educate others about the importance of the Watershed Management Plan which will help with the MS4 permit requirement. He would like for the committee to assist him with this task.

2. Report: Approach & Philosophy Chair, Cecelia Martin: Still in the process of preparing a mission statement. Her goal is to have a draft of the mission statement at the next committee meeting.

There will be an update regarding the USA Meadows proposal at the next committee meeting.

Dr. Harrell reminded the committee that AASHE submission is due May 19, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Dr. James Bridgeforth, Director, University Housing