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WVU SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
September 12, 2022, 12:00 pm

Sustainability Committee Chair Daniel Grossman brought the monthly meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Members participated via Zoom teleconference.

Members present:

- Desousa-Brown, S.
- Grossman, D.
- Grushecky, S.
- Haddox, J.
- Henderson, A.
- Knabenshue, T.
- Le, T.
- Soccorsi, A.
- Stephan, K.
- Verlinden, S.
- Wilson, D.
- Blair, J.

1. Chair Grossman presented for approval the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Director of Sustainability Traci Knabenshue presented updates on Sustainability Office business since May, and provided office goals and plans for 2022:
   - Summer Updates:
     - Second Annual Lumber Sale with proceeds going toward planting and tree maintenance on campus
     - Blue and Gold Mine Sale raised over $25k for United Way, passing the $200k total mark since its inception in 2005.
     - Over 30 Tree Campus saplings transplanted from rain gardens to the Falling Run Greenspace
     - Received $300k grant for design of President’s Trail – process of selection a firm is underway
     - Two pollinator plots created in conjunction with Roads and Grounds – LSB green and inside the PRT tracks at Towers Station. These are part of the Bee Campus Designation goal.
     - Released a list of bottle filling stations by building on the Sustainability website
     - Recycled over 1 ton of electronics, and 4 tons of books in the Biannual Hardback Book Recycling effort
     - Assessed a reusable to-go box program through a survey. Decision made to move the program to self-service for students starting in the fall
     - Diverted 10 tons of surplus good from the landfill to sale or donation
   
   Goals/Plans for 2022
   - Sustainability Office plans and goals for 2022 include:
     - Audit back of house recycling for dining halls
     - Assessment of recycling at Alumni Center
     - For students: recycling education demonstration October 15-17; Sustainability Week October 22-29; Tree plantings
     - Lumber Sale possible during Mountaineer Week: November 7-13
     - Request for information on Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, exploring how the Inflation Reduction Act incentivizes EVs, and public transit
     - Measure the impact of fleet reductions – 17 vehicles eliminated from university fleet; 13 vehicles replaced
     - Begin tracking data on university-paid travel emissions
     - Energy consultant report coming this fall
3. Student Representative Jillian Blair reported the following:
   - Student Government Sustainability Committee met September 9
     - Bee Campus generated significant interest
     - Questions on how to recycle, what can be recycled, and what that process is
     - Questions on recycling electronic waste and recycling
     - List of all student organizations associated with environmental issues – one member of the Sustainability Committee plans to attend each group meeting where possible
     - Drafting a Sustainability Assessment survey to distribute to students
     - Recyclable water bottles – Grant from collaborative project with Brita
     - EV chargers on campus – interest, obtainability, and use of EVs by students, staff, faculty

4. Chair Grossman reported the following:
   - Those interested in serving as chair-elect were encouraged to express interest. The final day for nominations is Friday, September 16.
   - Subcommittees based on areas of greatest interest to focus on for this year
     - Curriculum
     - Research
     - Community Outreach
   - Discussion regarding campus presence – connecting with Senate leadership and campus stakeholders
   - Speakers will be selectively invited to the November meeting based on committee interest
   - Ensuring that last year’s goals and resolution continue
     - Strategize toward topics that are most interesting or pressing, based on committee members
   - Community Outreach-working with City of Morgantown to establish sustainability objectives

7. No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to reconvene October 10, 2022.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator