AGENDA  
WVU SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
November 14, 2022, 12:00 p.m.

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

Members Present:
Blair, J. Haddox, C. Stephan, K.
Bristow, A. Henderson, A. Verlinden, S.
Desousa-Brown, S. Iyengar, A. Wilson, D.
Grossman, D. Knabenshue, T.
Grushecky, S. Soccorsi, A.

1. Chair Grossman presented the minutes of the October 10, 2022 meeting for approval. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Overview of minutes from October 10, 2022, Meeting
   a. Grossman will be out of the country on the December 12 meeting and will attempt to reschedule.

3. Updates on ongoing projects
   a. Traci Knabenshue
      i. Electric Vehicles and RFI
         1. Infrastructure Act and charting infrastructure on campus
            a. WV put out a NEVI plan – there is funding that will go out to all states, and WV will be distributing it in a phased method planned to start in 2024
               i. Step one will be infrastructure close to the interstate
               ii. Step two will be public-facing regional infrastructure
               iii. (link)
         2. Volkswagen Settlement money still available at the DOH, which WVU is seeking to make use of
            a. Would be public facing, not WVU-specific
         3. Re-usable to-go program at the dining halls has been difficult. Program suspended due to all dishwashers being out of service
         4. Field Hall renovation will result in auction of the old furniture
         5. Meeting with regional campuses to share sustainability goals – some of the goals won’t apply to them due to being Morgantown-specific, while some others will be adapted to suite
            a. Future goals will be established with campus application in mind
         6. Textile recycling on campus locations available 24/7
            a. Two new locations: behind Clark Hall/Chem Annex, and in Reynolds Hall parking lot
   b. Jillian Blair
      i. Student Government resolution passed supporting natural landscaping on campus
ii. Seeking faculty members or organizations to sign on as contributors to Student Government sustainability efforts and legislation

iii. Student Government proclamation to support composting initiatives
   1. Motion to support the Student Government Composting Initiative made by S. Grushecky. Seconded.  
      **Motion carried** with 10 in favor and none opposed

**Question** – Has there been discussion to eliminate single-use plastics?
**Member** – there isn’t any current business on that, though there was a petition on the matter last year. We could bring that back this year if there is interest, but there is no specific mention of plastics in the composting initiative.

**Member** – I am very interested in pursuing plastics and sustainability

**Member** – Plastics will be directly addressed in the Office of Sustainability Initiatives

**Mission to collaborate with some of the clubs and organizations across campus that would be engaged and interested in sustainability**

4. **Update on meeting with Sven and Nikki from a few weeks ago about composting**
   a. Composting site in Westover has been approved by Roads and Grounds, but only for materials sourced directly from WVU
   b. The work will be based almost entirely on volunteers
   c. Requesting leaves from Roads and Grounds for composting
   d. Environment Safety is writing a plan that will permit the use of the area for composting
   e. Considering the idea of hiring someone, possibly a GA, that can teach a composting class and handle associated logistics
   f. Initial recipients of composting production will be the greenhouse and campus food garden

5. **New Business/Announcements**
   a. Intent to create a resolution for the committee to vote on that would make any Student Government sustainability initiatives to committee agenda
   b. Revisiting the April 2021 motion that passed in Faculty Senate concerning the composting initiative and gaining funding for, at minimum, a pilot program
      i. Seeking $20,000
   c. Committee will pursue presenting a poster at the Energy Institute
   d. Committee will seek to collaborate with some of the clubs and organizations across campus that would be engaged and interested in sustainability

6. **Chair Grossman adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m. to reconvene at a to be determined date in December 2022.**

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