Faculty Senate Sustainability Chair Dan Grossman brought the monthly meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Members and guests participated via teleconference.

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1. Chair Grossman presented the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting for approval. Motion carried by unanimous consent

2. Traci Knabenshue provided updates from the Office of Sustainability
   a. October 17th – Recycling education event Ready-Set-Recycle will be held from 10am-2pm in the CAC parking lot
      i. A mobile recycling sorting facility will be on site
      ii. Recycling will be coming from the Baylor football game
      iii. Recycling representatives will be present from other organizations
   b. October 22nd Litter Cleanup led by SGA and other student groups
      1. Details and registration available on iServe
   c. Tree plantings on Oct 25th and 26th
      i. Tree Campus Committee – Faculty, Staff, Students, and Community members
         1. Annual goals have just been established – includes tree planting, guidelines for tree replacements on campus
   d. November 12th: potential lumber sale in conjunction with Mountaineer Week Craft Show
   e. Process for hiring a designer for the President’s Trail still underway. Paved bike and pedestrian trail between 8th street and the President’s House
      i. Knabenshue noted that the project will be expensive due to the landscaping and routing requirements

3. Jillian Blair provided updates from the Student Government Association
   a. Student Accessibility Survey went out two weeks ago and will close on October 17th.
      i. Student Government will be using the results to determine direction. Currently around 400 responses

4. New Business
   a. Chair Grossman congratulated Kirsten Stephan on being elected Chair Elect, to serve as chair of the Sustainability committee for academic year 2023-2024.

5. Chair Grossman initiated discussion on breaking out into workgroups
a. Member – Advised against splitting into workgroups based on the number of members present

b. Member – Is there a database of all university business related to Sustainability? For example, there are many courses that include sustainability. Could we tap into that for information? Is the needed information already accessible within the university?
   i. Past Chair Soccorisi – The committee vetted courses and narrowed the count down to around 200 most relevant, though this may need revisited at some point

c. Member - How does the campus community find what opportunities are available? Is iServe the best resources for those opportunities?
   i. Topics can be searched by keyword on iServe.

d. Members proposed a tour of the WVU Campus Food Garden

e. Members discussed campus composting
   i. Biggest barrier to is manpower for sorting compost
   ii. The greenhouse received roughly 100 pounds of compost each week in fall 2021 from Towers. The compost consisted of preparation scraps and prepared food that was not served/consumed, not discarded waste from students

f. Getting the administration to commit to steps toward carbon neutrality
   i. Member – would it be beneficial for students to write, or co-write, grants to assist in achieving funding for some of the affiliated projects?
   ii. Members proposed submitting a report at a Faculty Senate meeting for the Sustainability Committee regarding gathering resources to support student-led initiatives.
      1. Prior to reporting to Senate - what are the specific needs and roles?

g. Member - Creating a garden or expanding the current gardens on campus is difficult to achieve due to the limitations on campus facilities, function, appearance
   i. Facilities must be considered, as they are required to maintain campus grounds if faculty/staff are unavailable outside of instructional dates

Chair Grossman adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m. to reconvene on November 14, 2022.

Corey Hunt
Faculty Senate Office Administrator