



## Sustainability Committee Minutes

2016-2017:8 Friday, March 10, 2017, 3:30 – 5:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers

### I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at 3:34pm
- B) Quorum Check

#### *Voting Members:*

- \_X\_ Jessica Shahad, ASI Secretary of Sustainability, Chair
- \_ Vacant, ASI President or Designee
- \_X\_ Michael Burckhardt, ASI Senator at Large, Interhall Council
- \_X\_ Danielle Camarella, ASI Business Senator
- \_ Johana Venegas, ASI BEAT Chair **Absent**
- \_X\_ Nicholas Chambers, Student-at-Large
- \_ Megan Mech, Student-at-Large **Absent**

#### *Advisors:*

- \_ Barnaby Peake, Director of the Bronco Student Center **Absent**
- \_X\_ Monika Kamboures, University Sustainability Coordinator

#### *Liaison:*

- \_ Brandon Whalen, ASI Attorney General **Absent**

- C) Approval of Minutes
  - 1) Nick motioned to approve the January 13, 2017 minutes, Michael seconded. Motion carried by chair.
- D) Agenda Changes
  - 1) There were no agenda changes
- E) Introduction of Guest
  - 1) John Plemmons, Dept of Plant Science
- F) Reports
  - 1) There were no reports
- G) Open Forum
  - 1) There were no speakers

### II. Action Item

- A) There were no action items

### III. Discussion Item

- A) Nick's Presentation (TGIF)
  - 1) Nick Chambers presented a power point presentation to the committee. Nick is requesting funding for composting trash liners for Jamba Juice and Starbucks.
    - a) He explained that both Jamba Juice and Starbucks separate organic waste from landfill waste. Nick further explained composting details in his presentation.
    - b) The issue with composting is the expense of trash liners each one is about 80 cents.
      - i. Nick explained they are requesting TGIF funding for 20 cases of trash liners for Jamba Juice and 20 cases of trash liners for Starbucks. Each case has 100 bags, Starbucks uses approximately 3-4 bags a day, and Jamba Juice uses approximately 2 bags a day.
      - ii. He noted this supply would last them for about one year to a year and a half
  - 2) Nick is requesting \$3,200 for the composting liners each case is \$80 and they will be purchasing 40 cases.

- 3) Danielle was concerned that once Nick has graduated and the year is up who will be in charge or re-ordering the trash liners—Nick noted he is planning to implement a standardized operational procedure where managers know what steps need to be taken related to composting.
  - 4) Monika suggested doing further research to ensure that ASI can fund this particularly because this money will be going to Starbucks.
- B) Scheduling for Spring
- 1) Jessica mentioned that their first meeting will be Friday, April 7, 2017. She shared she will be sending out an e-mail to the committee with further details of extra dates and times.
- C) Earth Week Programming
- 1) Michael shared that he reached out to housing to see if they like to participate during Earth Week by holding a recycling competition. However, he shared that they would like to know if ASI could provide container bins for recycling and a prize.
  - 2) Jessica shared Earth Day is Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Earth Week will be taking place April 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated this will allow about 3 weeks when they come back from Spring Break to plan this event. She added that during this time she will be investigating how much money is allocated for Earth Week so share their budget with the committee.
  - 3) Jessica shared that an event that took place last year was u-hour planting and painting of pots. Last year the Lyle Center donated seeds and soil and she noted that pots are approximately 75 cents at Home Depot. She suggested having approximately 100-150 pots. As last year they had 75 pots and they ran out. She would like to increase that number so that everyone can participate.
  - 4) Jessica shared that other events they can consider are: recycling competitions, campus clean-up, vegan meals (healthy eating/sustainable eating/bake sale), meatless Monday, including a theme for each day, ride-share wants to incorporate their Alternative Transportation Fair this week, and reaching out to newly formed vegan club.
  - 5) Jessica asked the committee to bring their ideas on April 7<sup>th</sup> and that date they will be solidifying ideas.
  - 6) Jessica shared that last year they gave out re-usable water bottles with a pamphlet inside of the importance of re-usable bottles. The committee agreed that they would like to incorporate that into Earth Week this year as well.

**IV. Information Item**

- A) Composting
- 1) The committee did not discuss composting

**V. Adjournment**

- A) Michael motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nick seconded. Motion carried by chair.  
Meeting was adjourned at 4:11pm
- B) Next Sustainability Committee Meeting: TBD