

# Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Room 311, Urban Life

**Attending:** Candace Adkins, David Caudill, Dabney Dixon, Vedica Eastman, Jeffrey Glover, Brenna Helmstutler, Jerry Rackcliffe, Vincent Rehder, Stephen Rosner, Vjollca Sadiraj, Patti Stilson, Allen Wilbanks

**Visiting:** Michael Black, Peter Imhoff, Larry McCalop, Michael Davidson

## **Business:**

1. Minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
2. Committee members were encouraged to attend the Sustainability Forum held directly after the Committee meeting.
3. Candace Adkins and SGA Senator Peter Imhoff talked about an SGA resolution to establish a Green Fee. The resolution proposes to create the fee by reallocating a portion of the expiring Library Fee, rather than increasing student fees.
4. Michael Black spoke about the upcoming AASHE Conference that will be held in Nashville, TN in October. A group of students interested in sustainability will be attending. Members of the Committee were encouraged to go to the conference if able and to let interested faculty know about it.
5. Guests Larry McCalop and Michael Davidson talked about sustainability and purchasing at GSU. GSU recently moved to an online procurement system (Panther Mart) that saves paper and allows for detailed reporting on purchases. Panther Mart users are encouraged to purchase recycled and green products. Mr. McCalop and Mr. Davidson also took questions from the Committee.
6. Dabney Dixon introduced a new student project being developed in a marketing class taught by Hiram Bragsdale. Students are going to hold an art contest for students. The contest will accept submissions under the theme “what sustainability means to us.” Students are working with a startup called HeapHeap who will handle the contest judging through crowdsourcing.
7. Dabney Dixon spoke about the possibility of a “return to sender” mail campaign in order to reduce waste from catalogs and unwanted mail sent to professors and to faculty no longer at GSU. Return labels will be printed and handed out to business managers at the next Staff Council meeting.
8. Patti Stilson spoke about recycling, noting that there are a number of ways to recycle batteries and ink cartridges on campus.