

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2013

Room 311, Urban Life

Attending: David Caudill, Dabney Dixon, Vedica Eastman, Jeffrey Glover, Brenna Helmstutler, Jerry Rackliffe, Stephen Rosner, Patti Stilson, Allen Wilbanks

Visiting: Michael Black, McCall Langford

Business:

1. McCall Langford spoke to the committee about a number of student-led sustainability efforts on campus. Among those are a “No Plastic Campus” petition, doubling the number of recycling bins on campus, and asking the SGA to replace the sunseting \$14 library fee with a green fee.
2. Allen Wilbanks updated the committee on the survey given to recreation center patrons about the new water filling station in the recreation center. The student feedback was very positive. .
3. Stephen Rosner gave an update on the “Caught Green-Handed” program. Currently he is working on a PR piece for the program that will be submitted to public relations. Purchasing can track green items bought by GSU in Panther Mart. The green status of the products is self-reported by the manufacturers. Mr. Rosner is working to begin tracking the green purchases in the College of Education.
4. Michael Black spoke to the committee about the upcoming AASHE conference in Nashville. Two abstracts have been submitted. The first highlights GSU’s sustainability efforts. The second highlights the work of the Georgia Campus Sustainability Network. The Sustainable Energy Tribe has been granted a budget that will allow them to send students to the AASHE conference.
5. Dabney Dixon suggested the possibility of holding a Sustainability Poster Day next year. The committee thought this might be a good way to continue to promote interest in sustainability on campus and to highlight the work of students in the area of sustainability.
6. Patti Stilson gave an update on the hiring of a Recycling Coordinator.
7. The committee plans to meet over the summer. A day and time will be decided upon soon.