

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: April 19, 2012

General Classroom Building, Room 718

Attending: David Caudill, Dabney Dixon, Crawford Elliott, MaryAnne Gaunt, Steve Harmon, Brenna Helmstutler, Vjollca Sadiraj, Renée Schatteman, Patti Stilson, Allen Wilbanks

Visiting: Tracy Hambrick, Robert Maxwell

Business:

1. The committee approved of the minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting.
2. Dabney Dixon notified the committee of a special meeting that will be held on April 26, 2012 in order to vote in a committee chair for the new senate year.
3. Tracy Hambrick, Georgia State's newly hired recycling coordinator, introduced herself to the committee and informed the committee of her plans for recycling at Georgia State. She took questions from the committee relating to recycling education and waste audits.
4. Robert Maxwell spoke to the committee about the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Environmental Studies. The degree program is being revamped to better suit the needs of students pursuing the degree. Once the final revision of the course is approved, the committee will be notified.
5. Crawford Elliott spoke to the committee about the Department of Geosciences proposed Bachelor of Science in Geoscience. Students will be able to choose from four concentrations—Geology, Environmental Geosciences, Urban Studies and Geography. Dr. Elliott also spoke briefly about the Master of Science in Geosciences that is being created.
6. Dabney Dixon informed the committee that there will be an open call made for faculty and staff to gather this summer to think about a 5-10 year plan for sustainability at Georgia State.
7. Allen Wilbanks informed the committee that the Student Recreation Center recently became a Green Globes Certified Building. The building received 3 Green Globes and is the first higher education facility in the state of Georgia to receive Green Globes certification.