

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2013

Room 658, Urban Life

Attending: Nedda Ahmed, Heidi Denzel, Dabney Dixon, Ellen Taylor

Visiting: Jerry Allen, Bill Gruszka, Michael Black, Jenni Asman

Business:

1. The minutes from the October 22 meeting were approved.
2. Dabney Dixon announced the upcoming Sustainability in the Curriculum Workshop that will be held January 9-10, 2014. All faculty are welcome to apply.
3. Time was given for announcements. Jenni Asman updated the committee on the progress of the new Sustainability Office. The Office is currently interviewing GRAs and conducting baseline reporting. A Recycling Coordinator position has been posted on the GSU website. Heidi Denzel announced that the next South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference will be held in Atlanta on November 7-9, 2014. The focus of the conference is "Sustainability and the Humanities." Michal Black informed the committee that the \$3 green fee has been forwarded to the President by FACP. The potential \$3 fee will provide \$189,000 to the Sustainability Office each year.
4. The committee decided not to hold a December meeting. The January meeting will focus on the development of a long term strategic plan for sustainability. The members of the committee provided feedback as to what the process of developing the plan might look like.
5. The committee welcomed Director of Production Services for IS&T, Bill Gruszka, and IS&T Application Manager, Jerry Allen. Mr. Gruszka and Mr. Allen spoke with the committee about power consumption on University computers. An experiment was run using IS&T lab computers that looked at power consumption while idling. The experiment involved adjusting the power settings on all computers using group policy in Active Directory and showed a potential savings of \$22 per lab per day (if the computers idled all day long). The university is moving to Active Directory and these power settings could become the default (base image) on all university computers. Mr. Gruszka and Mr. Allen expressed their interest in running further experiments and reporting back to the committee on those experiments.
6. The committee adjourned.