Senate Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes: August 30, 2017  
Centennial Hall, Rm 224

Attending in Person: Lauren Curtright, Soom-Ho Kim, Joanna Wilson, Robert Moore, Trisha Kanan, Michael Black, Denise Dimsdale, Luis Aleman, Alessandra Rango, Dabney Dixon, Ariday Walkes, Jenni Asman, Dennis Gilbride; Attending via WebEx: Dajun Dai, Janice Maxwell, Leila Lawlor, Pamela Gore, Ian Campbell, Duane Truex, Christin Smith, Kathy Dolan, Regena Spratling

Business:

1. Updates from Sustainability Initiatives (SI) presented by Jenni Asman:
   a. Georgia State Stadium concessions will be all insourced, so we can make them compostable and recyclable. The SI office is working with student organizations to assist in the effort.
   b. Recycling efforts have expanded, but there is a need for greater communication:
      i. There is an effort underway for Sustainability Initiatives (SI) to broadcast information about recycling on Perimeter campuses via Fran Mohr and Rebecca Rakoczy.
      ii. There is no Recycling Coordinator currently, and there is no funding to refill the position left vacant. The SI office has five full time recycling crew utility workers for the downtown campus. Another Panther temp will be hired soon. See http://sustainability.gsu.edu/about-us/.
      iii. Removal of signage on Perimeter recycling bins and Perimeter recycling: Joanna Wilson said recycle bins at Clarkston have had the labels removed, and people are putting trash in them. Jenni said Sustainability Initiatives removed the labels because they were not consistent. SI gave new labels to Facilities to put on the bins. Jenni reported there was a lot of contamination reported by Clarkston at consolidation, but things have gotten better. She will be returning to Clarkston campus when she gets a chance to check on things. Peter Lyons said in the Business Meeting on August 16, 2017 that Perimeter is working on recycling when asked by faculty about it, but Jenni has clarified that recycling has been happening, and she has corrected Peter since that announcement. Perimeter campuses just passed a $2 student fee for recycling infrastructure and hauling that will be available very soon. There is a request to the VP of Finance and Administration to get a new utility worker in SI to collect the recycling at Perimeter campuses. Currently, one utility worker from the main campus is collecting the recycling from the bins, except from Alpharetta. Sustainability Initiatives has moved Perimeter campuses to the same system as the Atlanta campus: there isn’t pick-up by room, so employees must take contents of deskside bins to main recycling bins. Perimeter campus faculty reported they had old deskside bins with no sticker on them and no information to inform them of this. Employees can request a sticker or a new bin from recycle@gsu.edu. Jenni also let
faculty know they can find the labels on the SI website (http://sustainability.gsu.edu). To find the location of the main bin for each campus, Jenni will provide a list to the Senate group, as some of the roll-off bins have moved from previous locations. Kenneth Butler is the Facilities contact for Perimeter campuses. By WebEx, Kathy Dolan offered to help with recycling on the Clarkston campus.

iv. Recycling has a permanent location at the Georgia State stadium and is bailing cardboard now, which is more cost-efficient. SI started a new shredding program, which can replace departments’ outsourcing shredding. There are hopes to expand that to Perimeter once it works on the Atlanta campus. A fee is charged for the shredding service (for shredder and secure bins), but it will be lower than the outside rate. Monthly service is $15/month for one bin pickup per month, $20 per pickup by special call (each extra bin or one time pick up), and $25 flat fee for each bin (95 gallon). So, a one-time 95-gallon bin to be shredded would be $45. Textbooks can go into single stream recycling into the compactor in small volumes. Large volumes (like from the Law Library) require a special pickup.

2) Transportation: Lauren Curtright has been helping students in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on Clarkston campus conduct a survey on Perimeter students’ transportation needs. Many Perimeter students attend classes at multiple campuses, driving between them. There have been talks at Perimeter (in Engineering) to video conference classes, so students can virtually attend classes from different campuses. This could be helpful for courses that aren’t taught at all campuses. Even if a course is taught on their campus, this would help students who have limited schedules or whose needed course is full at the campus closest to them. There has been discussion of possible shuttles between campuses. Currently shuttles only go between campuses for special events. Jenni suggested speaking with the AVP of Finance and Administration, Beth Jones, who oversees Auxiliary Services and Parking and Transportation. Ariday Walkes recommended shuttles to MARTA train stations from campuses that don’t have direct MARTA bus lines to stations. There was a suggestion to reopen talks with MARTA about providing better bus service to the campuses. Jenni suggested Staff Council Meeting would be good to partner with for this since they are concerned about reaching out to MARTA for the downtown campus, and there might be an opportunity to join in their efforts to hold discussions with MARTA and add Perimeter College concerns.

Agenda items for upcoming Senate Sustainability meetings:

September 26: TBD
October 25: Green IT
November 14: Student Fees & Grants to fund student-directed sustainability projects
December 6: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.