1. The Committee reviewed a brief history of Sustainability at GSU from the creation of the Office of Sustainability and Student Sustainability Fee in 2013 to recent successes, including Sustainability Initiative’s Five-Year Plan in 2017 and Panther Dining’s 3 Star Certification by the Green Restaurant Association in 2018.

2. The Committee reviewed its charge, as stated in the University Senate Bylaws, to “provide a central focus for integration of academic programs, facility planning, and campus operating interests in sustainability,” to “recommend and support efforts to improve environmental stewardship and sustainability in facility planning and operations . . . [and] as part of an ongoing education, research, operations, and outreach programs,” and to “advise and make recommendations to the University Senate and appropriate administrators regarding issues of sustainability.”

3. The Committee discussed the previous work of the 2017-2018 Senate Sustainability Committee. Specifically, last year’s committee identified that, to have a greater impact, GSU needs to take a leadership role in the broader community on sustainability. The committee worked on drafting a resolution in support of this with a list of possible actions for the University to consider. Last year’s committee also worked on sustainable transportation initiatives. The Committee decided to form subcommittees to continue to work on these issues: 1) Resolution and 2) Transportation.

4. The Committee also discussed the reinstatement of recycling at the Perimeter Campuses in February 2018. The Program Manager of Sustainability Initiatives, Jenni Asman, informed the committee about fines for contamination issues, which can cost up to $500 each time. Contamination issues are primarily for food contamination of items for recycling. Some of the likely reasons for contamination include: problems with the location of the bins; training and turn-over of staff; and education of proper recycling practices among students, faculty and staff. The Committee decided to form a third subcommittee to work on these issues: 3) Recycling.

5. Jenni Asman also updated the committee on the following:
   a. Three new vehicles, including a box truck with a shredder, have been ordered, which will bring mobile shredding for the first time to Perimeter campuses as well as allow recycling staff to begin servicing the Perimeter campuses instead of building services staff.
b. A new recycling coordinator has been hired.

6. Dabney Dixon recommended that the Committee invite a representative from the City of Atlanta’s Office of Resilience to come speak. Carrie Freeman shared that a representative from the Resilience Office is scheduled to speak at her class in October. Members suggested that this speaker be included in the Sustainability Forum for this year.

7. Information Item: The Student Sustainability Fee Committee is now accepting project and budget proposals for the 2018-2019 academic year. Departments and chartered student groups on the Atlanta campus are eligible to apply. All proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 20, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.