Senate Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
College of Law, Rm. 231

Attending in Person: Jenni Asman, Michael Black, Carrie Freeman, Trisha Kanan, Ming Luo, Lenore Musick
Attending via WebEx: Sabra Blackwell, Lucy Gentles, Valarie Koonce, Leila Lawlor, Kiersten Nicholson

1. The Committee approved the minutes from the November 26, 2018 and January 28, 2019 meetings.

2. Jenni Asman updated the Committee on the work of the Sustainability Initiatives office.
   - John Lanier from the Ray C. Anderson Foundation will speak at the next Speaker’s Series on March 20, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. Attendees must register at https://sustainability.gsu.edu/live-and-learn/sustainability-speaker-series/
   - As part of GSU’s participation in the national Recyclemania competition, the men’s basketball game on Thursday, February 28th will attempt to be zero waste. Everything at the game will be compostable or recyclable.
   - The Recycling Center now has a new sign. Also, more dates have been added for tours in March and April. Sign up at https://sustainability.gsu.edu/recycling-center-tours/
   - An E-Waste Drive will be held on March 7th and 14th for anything with a cord so long as it is not purchased with state funds.
   - A new compacting truck for single stream recycling has arrived. This compacting truck will reduce the number of trips and allow for special material pick-ups.
   - Earth Week: The Sustainability Initiatives Office is already planning events for all campuses the week of April 15th. There will be speakers, hard-to-recycle drives, and a festival on April 18th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Hurt Park.

3. Carrie Freeman updated the Committee on the Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference (GSURC) Sustainability Awards. GSURC may be in the need of an additional judge with a science background to help assess entries on April 10, 2019. Please reach out to Carrie if you are interested.

4. Kiersten Nicholson from the Student Government Association (SGA) told the Committee that she will forward data on sustainability-related student suggestions from the dorms.
5. The Committee discussed the list of possible initiatives on institutional operations, research, curriculum, and campus life and identified the following:

- Certificate and/or Minor in Sustainability (Carrie Freeman will lead; Muo Luo and Lucy Gentles will help)

- Annual Waste Evaluation (Jennie Asman and Michael Black plus help from undergraduates)

- Water and Energy Conservation (need volunteers to do some information gathering, starting with housing, rec center, and student center)

- Policies for AASHE certification, such as anti-idling, double-sided printing, purchasing and procurement (need volunteers to do some information gathering)

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.