

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: March 14th, 2013

Room 311, Urban Life

Attending: David Caudill, Dabney Dixon, Vedica Eastman, Crawford Elliott, Jeffrey Glover, Steve Harmon, Brenna Helmstutler, Stephen Rosner, Allen Wilbanks

Visiting: Michael Black, Joe Piffaretti, Michele Ritan

Business:

1. Minutes from the February 14th meeting were approved.
2. Brenna Helmstutler gave an update on the possibility of shutting down computers in the library overnight and during breaks.
3. Allen Willbanks informed the committee about a survey being given to recreation center patrons about the new water filling station in the recreation center. The new filling station has saved 7000 bottles in its first month.
4. Stephen Rosner gave an update on the work of the Staff Council Sustainability Committee. The committee has implemented a “Caught Green-Handed” program that has been successful. The committee is considering a Green Challenge for Panther Mart users and has spoken with a group of students who would like to see more recycling containers in outdoor common areas. A recommendation will be made to facilities in regard to the recycling containers.
5. The committee discussed the possibility of holding an open meeting in which students would be invited to share their thoughts on sustainability initiatives with the committee.
6. Joe Piffaretti and Michele Ritan spoke to the committee about an invitation received by the Development Office from the Ray Anderson Foundation. The foundation invited GSU to submit up to 5 sustainability-related grant proposals. The committee discussed who should submit the proposals and the content of those proposals.