

Senate Sustainability Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2013

Room 658, Urban Life

Attending: Nedda Ahmed, Dabney Dixon, Sheri Joseph, Vincent Rehder, Stephen Rosner, Vjollca Sadiraj, Patti Stilson, Ellen Taylor, Bethany Turner-Livermore

Visiting: Ramesh Vakamudi, Michael Black, Jenni Asman, Jeffrey Glover

Business:

1. The minutes from the September 24 meeting were approved.
2. The committee welcomed Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management Service, Ramesh Vakamudi. Mr. Vakamudi spoke with the committee about a number of facilities issues related to sustainability. The solar hot water is once again running in Library South. Georgia State has entered three more buildings into the better buildings challenge, bringing the total number of Georgia State buildings in the program to five. The new Law building is targeted for LEED silver status. Indian Creek Lodge is LEED certified. Facilities is looking into other ways to make the campus more sustainable. The committee asked Mr. Vakamudi a number of questions related to potential projects. Of those mentioned, projects related to electricity usage appeared to have the most potential to bring cost savings to the University. Mr. Vakamudi will be looking into some of these projects and will present them to the committee in the spring.
3. The committee welcomed GSU's new Sustainability Coordinator, Jenni Asman. Ms. Asman introduced herself to the committee and spoke about her vision for the Sustainability Office.
4. The committee adjourned.