Senate Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2018
Centennial Hall, Rm 224

Attending in Person: Lenore Musick, Carrie Freeman, Debra Snell, Lauren Curtright, Trisha Kanan, Alessandra Raengo, Denise Dimsdale, Michael Black, Ariday Walkes
Attending via WebEx: Joanna Wilson, Ian Campbell, Soon-Ho Kim

1. The committee went over the appendix for its drafted resolution for Georgia State to take leadership on sustainability.
   a. We discussed dividing the list into two parts—accomplishments and possibilities—and ordering possibilities from easiest to hardest to achieve.
   b. We discussed the possibility of making recycling uniform across all campuses and speaking with Peter Lyons about funding for more staff and vehicles. It was noted that the recycling bins received from a Coca-Cola grant will populate locations identified by a CAD drawing, and that Sustainability Initiatives’ website includes a recycling work order form, which tracks when requests are made and addressed, and which is used to justify the need for further resources.
   c. We discussed adding to the section on research.
      i. To survey and create a database of research being done across the University related to sustainability and advertise this database on Sustainability Initiatives’ website.
      ii. To create a Center for Sustainability.
      iii. To create awards to incentivize research in sustainability.
   d. We discussed consulting with stakeholders (e.g., Facilities, Planning and Development).
   e. We discussed the committee’s role of advising the University to act on the items in the list, rather than the committee trying to do the work in the list.
   f. We discussed requesting data from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.
   g. We discussed the reality that the goal of negotiating lower prices on MARTA Breeze cards is unlikely to have traction now because Auxiliary Services cannot sell the Breeze cards it currently has, and budget cuts are coming through; therefore, we should move that item down on the list, below the more feasible goal of educating the University community on existing alternatives to driving to the campuses.

2. Carrie Freeman reported the number of entries (about 15) to the Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference (GSURC).

3. We noted that the committee will elect a chair for 2018-19 at its meeting on April 25.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.