

# SAC MINUTES 10/13/2016

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Attendees: Alex Parlato (representing Curt Wade); David Norvell; Debra Reinhart, Dr.; James Fenton, Dr.; John Weishampel; Omer Tatari, Dr.; Patrick Bohlen, Dr.; Peter Jacques, Dr.; Yara Watson

## Updates

### Introductions

#### New Coordinator

- Yara Watson was introduced as the new Sustainability & Outreach Coordinator (replacing the previous Coordinator, Alexandra Kennedy). Yara has a background in sustainability; she received her B.A. in Sustainability Studies from UF and her M.A. in Global Sustainability from USF. Yara grew up in Orlando and is excited to be back home and joining the UCF family.
- Yara’s primary focus will be on academics and engagement (providing consistent sustainability programming and education opportunities for students, faculty, and staff)

Brief member backgrounds & recent activities

### SWAT

- Food & Livability, Transportation, and Academics & Engagement have been very active
- Energy and Waste meetings are set for 10/25/16 @ 2:30 in F&S room 16A and 10/21/16 @ 11am in Millican Hall 243 respectively
- Muthusamy Swami was volunteered to chair Buildings & Land
- Member additions were discussed and are reflected below

#### SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

#### SUSTAINABILITY WORKING ADVISORY TEAM (SWAT)

Amy Childs Claire Knox, Dr. Curtis Wade David Norvell Debra Reinhart, Dr. James Fenton, Dr. John Weishampel Omer Tatari, Dr. Patrick Bohlen, Dr. Peter Jacques, Dr. Yara Watson	Academics & Engagement	Chair: Dr. Peter Jacques Dr. Claire Knox; Rick Falco
	Buildings & Land	Chair: Muthusamy Swami Dr. Patrick Bohlen; Rob Vieira
	Energy	Chair: Curt Wade David Norvell; Duane Siemen; Dr. James Fenton
	Food & Livability	Chair: Maureen Hawkins Jennifer Elliott; Hannah Hollinger; Amy Childs; Dave Norvell; Kevin Sowers; Albert Manero
	Transportation	Chair: Essam Radwan, Dr. Anand Rampersand; Krishna Singh; Dr. Hatem Abou-Senna; Collen Kettles; Ronald Tarpley
	Waste	Chair: Dr. Debra Reinhart

Water

John Weaver; Brian Wormwood; Amy Childs; Catherine Ninah  
Chair: Chris Kennedy  
Curt Wade; Saul Santiago; Larry Eflin;  
Keith Coelho; Gary Rudolph

## **New Employee Orientation**

- Previous Coordinator began presenting at NEO, showing the Sustainability Initiative video and guiding a bus tour highlight sustainability related areas on campus
- Currently the video is being shown followed by a Q&A and suggestion session
- Yara is developing the program to include educational videos and activities and reintroduce the sustainability tour
  - Suggestion was made that the new program be piloted on the SAC committee
  - Suggestion was made to present the program to current employees as well
    - Incentivize with a lunch
    - Present to groups such as the Center for Success of Women Faculty

## **Planning**

- The Sustainability Strategic Plan (SSP) will now be housed within the Collective Impact Implementation plan (one-fifth of the Collective Impact focused on Sustainability)
  - Lisa Jones was recently hired to work on the Collective Impact for the university
  - Debra is on the Collective Impact committee and will be taking back sustainability views
- The Climate Action Plan (CAP) and the Sustainability Strategic Plan will be kept separate but will reference one another
  - CAP focuses on climate related metrics and includes targets and goals, but is vague on how they will be achieved. CAP is a part of the National Presidents Climate Commitment. It must be revised every 5 years and progress reported annually.
    - Dave and Yara will be working to complete this quickly as it is overdue
  - SSP covers more material than CAP, most notably in the areas of academics and engagement. The SSP will be a guiding document to help achieve sustainability goals.
    - Suggestion was made to participate in Town Halls to help guide the SSP
    - Weekly meeting will be held to work on the SSP; SAC members are encouraged to attend. An email will be sent prior to the meeting detailing the areas of focus for the day.

## **New Business**

### **Student Sustainability Advisory Committee**

- A new committee was formed by Sustainability Initiatives consisting of 12 highly qualified students to represent the student body and form sustainability proposals. The

committee is further divided into 6 subcommittee that mirror SWAT teams (with the exception of Academics & engagement).

- SWAT teams are encouraged to allow one student from the corresponding subcommittee to attend meetings in order to take meeting minutes, give student input, and ask for feedback on working proposals; Yara will be facilitating the adjustment

## **Student Orientation**

- Dave has been attempting to get sustainability programming into new student orientation to no avail
  - Suggestion to invite an SDS rep. to join SAC
  - Suggestion was made to incorporate sustainability into student retention initiatives to help achieve better buy-in (focus on personal relationships)
  - John offered to allow the program into graduate orientation
    - Suggestion for a 15minute slot

## **Campus Sustainability Month**

An Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) initiative

### **Events**

- Just Eat It screening
  - Final date – October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM in the Arboretum Pavilion
- Peace Corps info session
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00PM in Career Services room 121
- Global UCF LEED building tour
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> @2:30pm
- Yoga Clean-Up with IDEAS for UCF
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in Jay Blanchard Park
  - Generally, twice a month

### **Marketing**

- All events will be marketed under the CSM banner and promoted through email and social media with a focus on sustainability related RSO's

## **STARS**

- STARS is an AASHE university sustainability reporting system that we will be submitted to in Spring of 2017
- Input and data collection will be needed from SAC members, particularly in Academics
- Specific info on STARS and areas of need will follow

## **Other**

- The second meeting for this semester will be scheduled for the time period between Thanksgiving and Christmas