

SAC Minutes: Tuesday, November 7th, 2017

Faculty/Staff Attendees: Dave Norvell, Curt Wade, Jim Fenton, John Weishampel, Pete Jacques, Robert Taft

Student Liaison(s): none

Guest(s): none

Review of Minutes

Minutes not available for review

Updates:

Capturing sustainability research and curriculum for reporting

- Regarding the collection of both teaching and research data, Peter reported that if we could have students pull down the CV's and syllabus for every faculty member, he would demonstrate how to conduct the quantitative analysis.
- John reported that all faculty will be doing a standardized annual report, very shortly. They will likely be using the interfolia program to collect these reports.

Goals

Dave went over the 3 goals and the committee agreed with the goals: a) reach carbon neutrality; b) achieve zero waste; c) integrate sustainability across all disciplines and departments.

- It was suggested that there should be a cluster wholly focused on sustainability.
- It was suggested that meeting be scheduled with all new faculty hires to try to encourage them to have curriculum which meets the sustainability requirements for STARS.
- A GED course needed for Sustainability or maybe a certificate program housed in undergraduate studies under the IDS director. Peter is on curriculum committee for UGS and will introduce the idea.

New Business:

Committee charge

- The annual report should continue as a committee charge - it should contain stories of successes and current projects as well as the metrics that we are tracking.
- Regarding the sustainability plan, it was decided that it should remain a part of the committee charter.
- SI office to create a template to be used by each section, the various sections would then be assigned to the various SWATs- they would be responsible for the draft of each of their sections.



**Sustainability
Initiatives**

- Important to be sure there is a clean scope and vision for each SWAT before they begin their section of the plan.
- Dave went over the back ground of the plastic/waste initiative and gave an update on the progress

Other Notes

- Patrick reported that he has been tasked with establishing a bike path
- Jim suggested that some of our students could be used to search the web for other universities goals for sustainability
- Dave announced the Sustainability Symposium event that is coming to the Pegasus Ballroom will occur January 8th, 2018

<https://www.greenbuildermedia.com/champions-of-change-2018>

Action Items:

- Sustainability Initiatives should have an online suggestion box for sustainability ideas
- Inquire whether or not engineering still have a minor in sustainability?

Next Meeting: TBD



**Sustainability
Initiatives**