

Sustainability Committee Meeting

April 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Committee Business

- Sandy called the meeting to order. Kate Henzler, PA student, introduced herself. She is transitioning into being a student representative for the coming year.
 - For the minutes for the previous meeting, Dr. Bruce Budowle motioned to accept them and Dr. Derek Schreihofner seconded. The minutes were accepted by all present members.
 - Social Media: Just a reminder to like/follow us on Facebook and Instagram @sustainable_UNTHSC. Please tell others in your work and school circles as well. Also remember our website address is unthsc.edu/sustainability
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Announcements

- E-Waste Recycling: We will most likely hold this event in the fall. We'll use our same vendor and accept a wide range of electronics.
 - Possible Solar Project: Sandy gave an update to the committee that we are considering a solar project on a small scale. At this time, we do not have extra Facilities funds to add to the project and the different locations we considered are beyond the sustainability budget. We'll be looking for other projects to spend our surplus on (which is around \$100,000). If you have ideas, let Sandy know.
 - Cowtown Litter Cleanup: Sandy asked if anyone participated in this event. Derek shared his experience.
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Subcommittee Updates

- HSC Community Garden – Sandy gave a garden update since Celina left HSC as of March. We will be rehiring that part-time position. The garden is full continues to thrive! We just celebrated 7 years.
 - LEAP Subcommittee – We met in February and discussed the Sustainability in the Labs video as part of Virtual Earth Day. We also plan to update LEAP and change the format. We're also in talks with the city about Styrofoam recycling.
 - Education Subcommittee –Lorraine and Ellie gave the update about providing information for FWISD's Environmental Health Month as part of a larger partnership with them and HSC. We provided a detailed document that they used to create lesson plans. It was a successful experience using Team to collaborate as a group. Great job!
 - Earth Day Planning – See below.
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Virtual Earth Day – April 12-30

- Advertisement: Please share the flyer and website with your groups: unthsc.edu/earthday
 - We have both virtual live events and on-demand videos. We also are partnering with Lifestyle Health Sciences to do the Healthy You, Healthy Planet Food Challenge.
 - The giveaway is a beautiful insulated water bottle/coffee mug from Klean Kanteen a Certified B Corp and Climate Neutral Certified Company.
 - Anyone can attend the events, but only HSC students and employees are eligible for the giveaway.
 - The form (available on the website by April 12th) must be completed and turned in by April 30th to get a bottle.
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Comments & Suggestions

- Derek asked about glove recycling, and Sandy will clarify with the vendor.
 - Sarika asked about recycling office supplies. She will send information to Sandy.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 pm. The next meeting will this summer (TBD).