

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018

Present: David Chevalier, Norma Kennedy, Desmal Purcell, David Steptoe, Dr Wedincamp and Mary Smith

Items Discussed:

Tree Campus USA designation– Dr Chevalier announced that EGSC received this designation and is awaiting official materials and welcome packet. College will publicize this event when materials received. A Campus Tree Care Plan was required as part of the application process.

Arbor Day February 16th – a tree will be planted on campus on Arbor Day in honor of Dr Bob Brown.

Keep American Beautiful Bin Grant – EGSC applied for 6 additional bins for housing; did not receive the award. KAP is offering sale price on bin purchases. David Steptoe will review pricing and budget. Norma Kennedy asked about our current beverage contract and if we could ask for bins. She will look in to this.

Webinar- Food Waste Collections Across Campus was viewed by the committee 12/6/17. The committee discussed several ideas presented: zero waste day on campus, large event composting, residence hall recycling expansion.

Green Team Webpage: Mary updated the webpage with current sustainability features implemented by EGSC, added news articles and links to the Bee cam.

GreenFest – discussion about possible EGSC GreenFest in Spring 2019. Possible events are pallet challenge, bees, and tie in with local Farmers Market and SE Tech Wildlife Program. Desmal indicated that he could work with students in three dimensional design class on a related project – possibly birdhouses using the pallets. David indicated Plant Operations has several pallets and can continue to collect for this project. Mary has some resources on birdhouse plans. Dr Wedincamp offered recorded bird calls for use with second graders.

Mason Bee houses are now in Library- were created by Desmal's students. Mary will link the article to the webpage.

Carbon offset project- Desmal suggested that students manage this project by calculating the number of trees to be planted to offset carbon use by human, and then planting the trees.

Tri-Beta will have a plant sale in Spring 2018. The committee agreed that an event should be planned around the sale so that it is well publicized and attended.

The group recommended that a Corvias representative be added to the committee. Mary will ask Angela Stork about this.

Next meeting TBA