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**President's Council on Sustainability**

Meeting of October 24th, 2023

Present: Sean Morrow, Kevin Caffrey, Pamela Grothe, Kate Stoneman, Carson Giocondo, Mary Becelia, Alan Griffith, Jeremy Larochelle, Avery Dunkin, Brian Ogle, Michael Reno, Holly Chichester, Anna Velardi, Diana Binette, Elaine Nachman

1. **10-Year Master Plan Committee Update**

Suzanne Sumner volunteered to be the PCS rep on the 10-Year Mater Plan Committee. Alan and Pam will meet with Suzanne to update her on the Climate Action Plan. Anyone with any feedback to provide, please share it with Alan, Pam, or Sean.

1. **Climate Action Plan Status**

Alan provide dan update after a recent meeting he had with Jeff McClurken along with Pam and Sean. The revised document should be sent to Jeff by late November. After any changes, the document should make its way to the BOV meeting in February. Further discussion took place on PPA opportunities/solar panels at UMW and the statement they could make to the community in addition to energy savings.

1. **Subcommittee Updates**
   1. The **Construction and Operations** subcommittee met the week of October 16th to discuss moving forward to request that Dr. Paino appoint a specific point of contact in Facilities to meet with the subcommittee once a month to discuss projects on campus with the hope that we can provide our insights/concerns form a sustainability lens. Kevin sent this request via email to Dr. Paino on behalf of the subcommittee on 10/24.
   2. Melanie was not present at today’s meeting, but she did provide Pam with an update that she is currently coordinating a first meeting for the **Sustainability Culture on Campus** subcommittee.
   3. Pam has emailed members to coordinate a first meeting of the **Research and Curriculum** subcommittee to review the Climate Action Plan and try to think about ideas and models for implementation.
2. **Office of Sustainability Updates**

Sean provided an update on the success of the annual Tree Festival on campus that took place on 10/19. There was a good turnout and good community involvement.

Trick or Trash, the candy wrapper recycling program, is actively taking place in the CRUC on the 2nd Floor and will take place likely until the end of the first week of November. Members of the PCS should share information about this program with faculty, staff, and students. Mary volunteered to check with the status of the collection if needed since she works on the 2nd floor in the CRUC.

Sean also gave an update on the Fredericksburg Climate Summit taking place tentatively this February in Chandler Ballroom. Any one interested in helping organize the event can contact Sean directly ([smorrow2@umw.edu](mailto:smorrow2@umw.edu)).

Sean will be staying on in his role for another month and Holly took the opportunity to update the group on the hiring process for the next Sustainability Coordinator. It may ideally morph into a two-person position, with one individual specifically focusing on energy management/building energy savings. Holly hopes to have the position listed soon with the individual(s) starting in January after UMW reopens from winter break.

1. **Member Updates/Upcoming Sustainability Projects**

Alan brought up an interest in reviewing landscape trees to check on things since the last time they were sampled.

Holly shared individuals from that the Class of ’94 may be interested in doing something with trees on campus, while the ElderStudy program has also recently made a tree donation to UMW.

Sean provided an update on obtaining a plastic reduction certification so that this would give us a more solid rational when advising event planners on campus from using plastic at their events.

1. **Adjournment**

The final fall meeting will be in HCC 307 Monday November 27th from 3-4pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:51 pm.