

Energy & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes 1/22/18

Attendees: Denny Cochrane, Kayla Smith for Sherwood Wilson, Nancy Meacham for Dwight Shelton, Jon Clark Teglas for Chris Kiwus, Jack Washington for Jason Soileau, Scott Kerklo, Jeff Orzolek, Rob Lowe, Virgilio Centeno, Edward Lener, Sean McGinnis, Luke Juran for Tim Baird, Alan Grant, Jeremy Smith, Aidan Bergel, Alexis Trent, Siddharth Bhela

Guests: Karlee Siepierski

Approval of Agenda: Luke Juran motion, Jeff Orzolek second

Approval of Minutes: Jeremy Smith motion, Scott Kerklo second

Old Business

STARS Update

- Submitted December 19, 2017 with a provisional score of 72.13/100, resulting in Gold rating
- Still waiting for STARS internal review, should have official score in the next 1 - 2 weeks
- Threshold for Gold rating is 65 points, and of all the schools that have submitted STARS report under version 2.1, 36 other schools have received a Gold rating
- Denny will share official score report when it becomes available

Policy 5505 update

- <http://www.policies.vt.edu/5505.pdf>
- Last time document was updated was 8/31/16, before that 2011
- Encompasses many areas including energy efficiency and conservation, building construction, operations and maintenance, transportation and travel, waste reduction, and billing
- Appoint subcommittee to update policy 5505
 - Rob Lowe and Denny Cochrane chairing
 - Volunteer members are Scott Kerklo, Jeff Orzolek, Jeremy Smith, Virgil Centeno, Debbie Greer
 - Ruben Avagyan advising
- The subcommittee will give an update during our February meeting, and will provide progress reports at subsequent meetings

New Business

Student Sustainability Initiatives

- VT will participate in [RecycleMania](#) 2018, which is an 8-week recycling competition among colleges and universities across the country
- Earth Week is April 16 - 22, first planning forum will be in February

Green RFP

- January: Office of Sustainability briefing Facilities officials on proposals received
- **Jan - Feb: subcommittee meets and form recommendations (current phase)**
- Feb meeting: subcommittee presents recommendations to E&S Committee
- March: E&S Committee presents proposals to budget office

- Proposals can fall in categories 1-4
 - Category 1: will forward up to budget committee
 - Category 2: needs more refining, possibly reconsider next year
 - Category 3: not considering, out of proposal bounds
 - Category 4: handled offline without proposal process

Open Discussion

- Committee would like Gwyneth Manser to give description and update of compost program at the March 26, 2018 meeting
- Earth Week 2018 dates 16 - 22 April, will include tree planting, and recommend bike share events to publicize new program
- Keynote speaker for Earth Week? Karlee will let committee know when planning forums will be
- Planning Proterra electric bus demo some time during earth week
- Sean McGinnis' life cycle analysis class is in need of project ideas - has 40 teams looking for products or processes to analyze, forward any ideas to Sean
- Fume hood in Kelly Hall - was installed and is receiving positive responses
- Students for Sustainable Practice/SGA composting survey - <https://goo.gl/forms/2eop1MVEErgJM4G12>

Motion to adjourn: Jeremy Smith, second Alexis Trent

Next Meeting: February 26, 2018 2:00pm Burruss Hall, Room 130