

Energy and Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

11/14/2016

Present: Savita Sharma for M. Dwight Shelton, Vickie Chiocca for Sherwood Wilson, Denny Cochrane, Byron Nichols, Steve Mouras, Rob Lowe, Bruce Obenhaus, Ed Lener, Tim Baird, Kenneth Black (GSA), Alex Naar (GSA), Charlotte Elwood (SGA), Melvin Amos (SGA), Karlee Siepierski (guest), Katy Shepard (guest), Jeremy Smith (Guest)

- Motion to approve agenda: Rob Lowe, second motion: Ed Lener
- Revision of minutes from previous meeting: Byron's answer – "2 of 3", not 2 or 3, near end of document
- Motion to approve minutes as corrected above: Tim Baird, second motion: Melvin Amos

- **Green RFP update**
 - o deadline extended 11/18
 - o received around 24 to date, have another 6 in the pipeline from Environmental Policy & Planning class
 - o Rest of revision schedule remains same
 - o Denny has chaired revision committee in past, typically consists of: faculty, staff, undergrad, grad student

- **Charge for committee**
 - o Talked about new proposed language
 - o Group met once for an hour and discussed old language, university's definition of sustainability, came up with strategy to merge definition and old charge
 - o The proposed language is meant as a point of discussion, not to recreate the wheel, just to fill university's intention of what sustainability is
 - o Including existing language may seem redundant but may be valuable in pushing forward
 - o Social justice and equity is broad, maybe look at other language and charges to committees who work with those two topics, do not want to overlap
 - o Integrate vs. balance – what is the best word?
 - o Things to consider: Does it read well? Broad policy issues vs broad general issues? Specifics alongside generalities, often lose sight of generalities? Can we remove university administration and energy supply and use? "Broad issues" vs "broad sustainability issues"? Providing advice to those that may not want it? What do we want this committee to be and do?
 - o End result of conversation: Subcommittee will reassess charge and create three different versions, then committee vote on which one is best. Subcommittee will have this out no later than 1st week of December through a Qualtrics survey.

- **Green Tailgating**
 - o Wrapped up season with Georgia Tech game on 11/12
 - o Record 46 volunteers at game
 - o Still averaging 2,000 lbs of recycling per game
 - o Assessing how to grow and expand for next season
- **Turn Down for Watt**
 - o Results are in and will be revealed at awards ceremony on 11/16
 - o Each division winner will receive \$800 prize
 - o 5 halls with no participation, 7 halls between 1% - 9%, 6 halls between 10%- 19%, 2 halls 20% and above
 - o Things to consider: will energy use spike again after competition? How much money is saved? How many people did we reach?
- Next meeting 1/23/17
- Motion to adjourn: Tim Baird, second motion: Rob Lowe