

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2020 – 2:00pm
Zoom Meeting Protocol

Attendees – Dean Paul Winistorfer, Jon Clark Teglas for Chris Kiwus, Nick Woods for Ken Miller, Mike Dunn for Liza Morris, Blake Bensman for Frances Keene, Denny Cochrane, Scott Kerklo, Rob Glenn, Rob Lowe, Dana Hawley, Elena Lind, Matthew Eick, Erin Hopkins, Jamie Stein, LaTawnya Burleson, Brandon Burkey, Jack Leff, Jennylynn Johnson

Guests – Jeri Baker, Nick Quint, Lowell Jessee, Daniel Webb, Patrick Hilt, Nathan King, Michael Bell, Emily Vollmer

Opening Remarks

Meeting Agenda Approved.

Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2020 Approved

Old Business

Commission on University Support Resolution 2020-21A Virginia Tech Climate Action Commitment: Update and Next Steps

Denny Cochrane gave an update on the resolution and reviewed the schedule as follows:

- **Energy and Sustainability Committee**
 - Presentation of the VT 2020 CAC Working Group’s Final Report and
 - First Reading/Vote to Approve/Approved– August 26, 2020
- **Commission on University Support**
 - Presentation of the VT 2020 CAC Working Group’s Final Report/First Reading - September 17
 - Faculty Senate Comments Received – September 18
 - Staff Senate Comments Received – September 28
 - Awaiting GSA and SGA Comments
 - Second Reading/Vote to Approve - October 15
- **University Council**
 - Presentation of the VT 2020 CAC Working Group’s Final Report – October 5
 - First Reading 1 – October 19
 - Second Reading/ Vote to Approve – November 2
- **Virginia Tech Board of Visitors**
 - Presentation for Approval – November 16

2019-2020 Student Green RFP Program Review and Update

Denny Cochrane informed the members the results of the 2019-2020 Green RFP Program continues to be on hold awaiting COVID-19 financial implications. He showcased the list of 19 select proposals submitted last year and reviewed the role of the Energy and Sustainability Committee in the prioritization process.

New Business

2019-2020 Sustainability Annual Report

Denny Cochrane announced the Office of Sustainability is in the process of completing our 2019-2020 Sustainability Annual Report. Required by the Virginia Tech 2013 Climate Action Commitment, copies of previous annual reports may be located on the Office of Sustainability website: www.facilities.vt.edu/sustainability.

2020-2021 Green RFP Program

The 2020-2021 Green RFP Program was launched on September 16, 2020. Denny Cochrane reviewed the process and milestones, the proposal format, and the evaluation criteria. The deadline for submission of proposals to the Office of Sustainability is November 20, 2020. Following the technical review of all proposals, those worthy of further consideration will be forwarded to the Energy and Sustainability Committee for prioritization.

Sustainability Week 2020 Program Review

Nathan King reviewed the highlights of the Sustainability Week 2020 Program. Held for the 14th consecutive year, the program included primarily virtual events and concluded with a Bike Parade led by the Mayor of the Town of Blacksburg Leslie Hager-Smith on September 26.

Green Office Certification Program

Nathan King announced the Office of Sustainability has initiated the Green Office Certification (GOC) program. Targeted at the department level the purpose of the program is to engage faculty and staff to promote sustainability awareness and practices in the workplace. The goal is to identify a sustainability champion in the department, train that person with program requirements, and then to have that person train their colleagues. The program contains a list requirements that when achieved will yield a GOC Rating: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Office of Sustainability will manage the program and award a certificate of completion and rating. Unique to this program is the partnership with the College of Business and Dr. Kimberly Carlson's MGT 2354 Leadership for Managers and Entrepreneurs Class, whose students will be actively involved in the promotion and marketing of the program.

Next Meeting

October 26, 2020 beginning at 2:00pm using the Zoom protocol.

Adjourn

Robert Glenn introduced a motion to adjourn, Scott Kerklo seconded the motion, and the members voted to adjourn.