

Campus Sustainability Committee Meeting October 15, 2015

The Campus Sustainability Committee met on October 15, 2015. This committee was formerly known as the Recycling Committee. The task force is now a Standing Committee of the President's Cabinet, Mary Smith is the Chair.

Water bottle refill stations are in house and will be installed early Spring semester 2016. A photo of the station was circulated. The stations will be installed at EGSC Statesboro facility, Clubhouse, PE Facility, Academic Building, Student Center, Gambrell building and George L. Smith building. The group is investigating the acquisition of water bottles with EGSC logo to use to promote the water bottle stations.

The Coke bottle recycling bin grant period has ended and Davis Steptoe and Ryan Stemple sent in their final report. Missie Crawford asked if we could obtain additional bins for Statesboro, additional housing facility and the academic building extension. Mary Smith will look into this.

Katelyn Moore asked if the EGSC recycling tote bag that was a giveaway at the Georgia Southern Green Fest Sustainability Festival could be sold on campus. A suggestion was made that Earth Club could manage the sales as a club fundraiser.

Dr Simmons suggested via email that EGSC join the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; the application has been submitted. Once confirmation of membership is received, the link to the website with resources will be shared with the group.

The group then discussed college sustainability efforts underway: David Steptoe reported that the: college chips tree limbs and uses the chips as mulch in the landscape beds. This prevents the college from having to buy mulch. Ruth Underwood suggested that we consider composting tea bags and coffee grounds for the landscape; she will investigate this further. Ruth is investigating eliminating Styrofoam and replacing with a reusable cup. She is hoping to do this for Fall 16 as part of the meal plan and is investigating this with the business office. Katelyn offered to update the Green Team website.

A suggestion was made to think about ways that we can engage the biology department and its students, Student Life and SGA, in this initiative.