MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 8.7.2013
Meeting Leaders: Mario Enriquez, Mark Williams, Clayton Trover

Time: 10 – 11 am
Location: BC-1045
Scribe: Sharon Quick

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Actions:

- **Welcome**
  - Meagan Gibson, Senior Project Coordinator for College of Medicine Academic Affairs

- **Minutes**
  - Approve as written

- **Student Presentation**
  - Mary Carol Lee Chris Wallace submitted presentation of their questions regarding sustainability
    - **Student Observation**: Excessive trashcans in library and other open areas are dumped nightly, with no trash or just paper towels. This method uses many plastic can liners.
    - **Suggestions**: Cans empty 2-3 times a week, based on contents.
    - **Benefit**: Reduce use of plastic liners, thus reducing the amount of trash being taken to landfill
    - **Student Observation**: Small disposable cups located at water fountains; cups only contain slips of water and then are thrown away
    - **Suggestions**: Remove cups completely and allow students to simply drink from fountain or refill their own reusable water bottles or appropriate containers
    - **Benefit**: Disposal cups not being added to landfills; monetary savings by not purchasing disposal cups
    - **Student Observation**: Recycling bins outside of Library are always full. Recycle initiative
    - **Suggestions**: Provide additional recycling bins in multiple locations. Students can become engaged in recycling program. Take to recycle plants, empty bins, facilitate the program. Maybe use hands-free drier in bathrooms
    - **Current Practice**: State of Georgia does not have a recycling Plant at present. There is a cost accept recycled materials. Supply Chain is working to secure a paper-recycling vendor.
    - **Benefit**: Student involvement in having a successful program at GRU.

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■ **Student Observation:** Thermostats throughout Enterprise is set extremely low, usually at 70 or below

■ **Suggestion:** Use government recommendations of 78 degrees for summer and 60 for winters, use light dimers and motion detectors in bathrooms and conference rooms to automatically turn off lights

■ **Current Practice:** All bulbs throughout the Enterprise are LCD labeled. As dimers cannot be used on florescent lighting, the Enterprise uses dimers in areas where florescent lighting is not installed. Most buildings throughout the Enterprise operate on a thermostat timer, which automatically shut down daily at a certain time. Medical Center has been awarded the energy star rating.

■ **Benefit:**
  o Additional Suggestions by Students:
    ■ Dual flush and low-flow faucets
      • Currently installed throughout Medical Center. Will expand program to University when cost savings are realized
    ■ Use Green cleaning products
    ■ Carpooling or bike riding to GRU
      • Students carpooling together save money by not having to register vehicles
      • As funding and demand increases for bike racks, efforts are made to accommodate the demands.
    ■ Double-sided printing in Library
      • Print managed program is established in the Medical Center and moving to the University as vendor contract becomes available.

❖ **Next Earth Day Event**
  o Because of low membership, group should sponsor a booth during the City of Augusta’s 2014 annual event

❖ **Membership**
  o Continue to recruit students
  o Update current roster to remove any members that’s not attending meetings

❖ **Recycling Program Updates**
  o Sustainability group is persistently working to meet the challenges of white paper recycling

❖ **New/Open Discussion**
  o Sponsor booth with City of Augusta for 2014

❖ **Next Meeting**- September 11, 2013, BC1045.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Quick