

May 3, 2021, Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

- **Announcements**
 - EBSCO Solar Grant submitted!
 - Clean-the-Stream + 150 Tree Planting update
 - GAF update of projects funded FY21
 - SGA Senator of Sustainability position is vacant – encourage interested students to apply through SGA for Fall 2021 start date
 - Suzanne Cook update regarding student projects in her sustainability class:
 - In my sustainability class, students are reporting on their service. One of my students participated in Clean The Creek, and gave an enthusiastic presentation to the class on his experience, with photos. Another student has been picking up straws (used/trash) all semester and created a piece of art with them. He even made a Tik Tok video of the process. Another picked up trash in her neighborhood park and analyzed the contents in comparison to a French study of the content of litter in France. => Students are being creative with their service projects despite (or because of) the pandemic.
- **Look at revised Sustainability Committee Bylaws**
 - Changes regarding chair and co-chair positions and Instructional, Research and Clinical Faculty naming
 - Also, discussion about definition of sustainability included in bylaws. Here it is:
 - *We define sustainability broadly by the following terms:*
 - *Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs (per Brundtland Report, 1987);*
 - *Improving the quality and equity of human life while respecting and working to maintain the full variety of biological diversity found on Earth;*
 - *Acting with respect for humanity and human rights, economic justice, physical and natural systems, and evolutionary processes.*
 - Sudanshu Semwal suggested this tweak: replace "human life" with "human, environment and all live forms in it"
 - Maggie Gaddis suggested this tweak: ... maintain the biological diversity of planet Earth." instead of "maintain the full variety of biological diversity found on Earth"
 - Joel will send out revised bylaws for faculty vote to approve them via an email form
- **Sustainability Strategic Planning**
 - What do we need to do over the summer to keep the momentum going?
 - Start building a draft document of the sustainability strategic plan showcasing some of the ideas we've developed so far.
 - Begin talking with the departments that will be key to the success of these ideas to get buy-in.
 - Brainstorm ideas to get input from the larger campus community in the fall.
 - Plan 'town hall' and/or tabling opportunities
 - We could have a month in October where we table across campus
 - We could also visit classes to discuss emerging plan
- **Open Discussion Time to Reflect on the End of the Semester and a Challenging Year for Us All**