ASU Staff Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018

Location/Time: MU L1-45 Havasupai

Minutes

❖ Introductions/Updates
➢ ASU has released new recycling guidelines. Single-use disposable items like paper cups, paper plates and plastic utensils are no longer accepted in the Blue Bin commingle program.
  ■ Note: None of the cups provided in the MU are compostable.
  ■ Note: Nothing smaller than 2.5 inches in diameter can be recycled
  ■ Zero Waste is working on new signage, and new labels. They can also give presentations to teach about the new recycling guidelines.
➢ ASU’s new Sustainable Purchasing Guidelines
  ■ Location: Purchasing Website (link will be provided by Lesley Michalegko)
➢ ASU’s new Sustainability Goals
  ■ 8 new university-wide goals
  ■ Location: https://cfo.asu.edu/sustainability-goals-and-vision

❖ Progress of Green Purchasing Guidelines Subcommittee
➢ We are working to create user-friendly Green Purchasing Guidelines for ASU - we’ve had our third meeting and it’s going very well!
➢ New allies: SPRI team has joined us to create the survey so we are getting the information we want.
  ■ Next step: Creating a survey to send out to people who do purchasing throughout the university. Communications team has given us their blessing, and will assist us with outreach.
  ■ SPRI may try to use the data collected to include in their research.
➢ Note: We are looking to make this purchasing guide project a learning opportunity for ASU students! More details to come.
➢ Contact Emmery or Sheyenne to join this committee! Our next meeting will likely be the week of Nov. 26th.
ASU A-Frame Sign Policy and Sustainability Impacts - Rita McGlynn

Updates from the Subcommittee:

➢ Currently in the investigative stage!
➢ Working on collaboration with other departments who are having problems.
➢ The intention of the policy was to clean up our campus.
➢ Good contacts are: Rudy Bellavia and Elaine Rutger

Notes about the Subcommittee:

➢ The new policy has determined that we cannot have any generic wayfinding signage.
➢ Standard A-Frames can be purchased for $60 and then there are additional costs for purchasing of sign inserts.
➢ Signs must have event date or time, facilities will remove if not stated. Plastic inserts are recyclable, but are they recycling?
  ■ This policy essentially bans the reuse of signs, which is a sustainability issue.
➢ In general, the policy needs to be clarified and hopefully reevaluated for sustainability!

➢ Printing Lab Representing Today
  ■ Reach out to Rudy and team to come and present.
  ■ MECA biggest group affected!
➢ This is now a NEW SUBCOMMITTEE! Please reach out to Rita McGlynn, the subcommittee chair, and Emmery/Sheyenne to join.
  ■ Group folder will be provided to everyone to see and contribute

Student Services Herb Garden and Blue Bag Sorting:

➢ Blue Bag Sorting Dates:
  ■ Emmery will be sending a Doodle Poll to decide on Staff Sustainability Committee work days.
    ● Looking into more dates, times, and locations to pull more of an audience on Tempe campus. We will also look into carpooling.
  ■ West and Poly has had great participation, great job!
  ■ Contact Katie to join a Blue Bag sorting event! Shane Hunt is coordinating new dates/locations for the WEST campus.

➢ Herb Garden Work Days:
  ■ Poly does have largest herb garden (Susan Norton is the contact.)
  ■ Downtown and West do have small gardens, if interested let us know
The herb garden is located at the North end of the Student Services Building. **To join, you can just show up!**
- November 14th from 7-8am
- December 12th from 7-8am

◆ **Round Table**

- Lunch and Learn Series Event:
  - November 20th, Jennifer Linde from the School of Human Communication presents *Civil Dialogue*
- Recycling Workshop (covering updates) presented by ZW
  - November 15th from 12 - 1 PM
  - Location: MU 226
- Sustainability with Athletics
  - All athletic venues are Zero Waste - we may be looking into this as a project, if deemed appropriate by the committee.
  - Homecoming is the designated Green Game!

*The next Sustainability Committee meeting is December 6th at noon.*