

Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Sustainability Committee  
4.4.22

Present: D. Alexander; R. Bair; J. Breeding; K. Fuchs; R. Higginbotham; V. McCann; G. Pestun; N. Rickey; C. Schauer

Dannie welcomed the group and commented regarding the ability to move forward with initiatives after a long hiatus.

- Recycling
  - Prior discussions focused on re-energizing
    - Making attractive to students
    - Enhancing signage and containers
  - Greg shared pictures of the recycling containers being piloted at TTC
    - Marketing will be providing signage to help draw attention to the containers
  - Cynthia commented that historically, the recycling effort began with students (PTK)
    - There was an annual kick off of the initiative
    - Students collected; funds went to student clubs
    - She suggested re-engaging students possibly via the Student Voices Advisory Committee
      - Dannie will follow up with Evan Pauken
  - Suggestion was made to approach the café relative to using more recyclable containers, etc.
    - Dannie stated that follow up with the café would be good after student support/participation has been garnered.
- Initiatives
  - Per Rachel, several city-wide initiatives are in place
    - SWMI 1<sup>st</sup> (Contact: Petey Stephanak)
    - Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition (WMU)
  - Roof Garden at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary & Allied Health Building
    - Component of the Five-year Facility Master Plan
  - Styrofoam and Electronics Recycling
    - Inquiry was made relative to having a Styrofoam out-station at KVCC
      - Nathan will follow up
  - TTC/FIC Landscape Collaboration
    - Facilities Services/ FIC "Farm Team"/Horticulture program have developed a landscape design for area behind Public Safety.
    - Design was reviewed
    - Majority of work to be done by above areas
    - Staff, faculty students can volunteer to assist in project
    - Will also serve as "lab" component for Horticulture classes
    - More to come
  - Cynthia referenced a classroom sustainability initiative that Kim Lewis has initiated
    - Suggestion made to create repository for initiatives already in place (? Google document)

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- Discussion regarding sharing recycling initiatives with students in the classroom
  - Ability to quantify dollar impact of recycling efforts
    - Greg to follow up
- Other initiative suggestions
  - More charging stations
    - Dannie stated these could likely be available in FY 2024
      - Will be important to advise availability of charging stations within geographic region
- Dannie will share the Committee's charter
- Next Meeting
  - Consensus was to meet quarterly: April/July/October/January