

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Sustainability Committee
9.20.22

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

Notes from 4.4.22 were approved; motion by Nathan; support from Rachel

- Recap of Activities
 - TTC/FIC Collaboration Project
 - Project RFP has been resubmitted
 - Bob Stokes continues to reach out to contractors
 - Rachel will ask Sara Tanis to contact Bob with any contractors who may be interested in the project
 - Recycling
 - Styrofoam Recycling Event (7.23.22)
 - Thank you to Nathan, Rachel and Claire
 - Good initial response to the event
 - Kalamazoo City held event simultaneously with KVCC
 - Future Events
 - Discussions underway with Kalamazoo City re: “pilot” dual-drop event (KIVCC and City recycling), 10.22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Promotion
 - City will advertise as such; KVCC will be mentioned and link provided
 - Social media
 - Employee and student newsletters
 - Discussion re: City event, 12.31; likely will not participate KVCC
 - Per Dannie, many opportunities to partner with the City’s sustainability program
 - Event volunteers will be needed
- Initiatives
 - Charging Stations
 - Identifying additional station locations
 - ? SE corner of main lot
 - MJSCAH and FIC
 - Per Rachel, FIC is already wired for charging
 - Dannie will follow up
 - Recycle Bin Update (Greg Pestun)
 - Reviewing the many options available
 - Looking to do 20-25 units initially, depending on cost
 - Suggestion made to place some stations outside building entrances
 - “Set the tone/expectation”

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- Discussion re: re-engaging PTK in KVCC in-house recycling effort
 - Per Paige, can weave sustainability into the student engagement project being initiated
 - Nkenge Bergan and Patrick Malsom are project contacts
- Green Roof Railing
 - In order to incorporate green roof areas into educational programming, railing system/bridge has been submitted as a Capital '23 project.
 - Initial quote for the TTC project is higher than the dollar placeholder
 - Continuing efforts to identify railing options for the project
 - Railings at MJSCAH are also being planned
- Future Meetings
 - Friday, January 27, 1:30 p.m.
 - End of April
 - Members encouraged to send thoughts on how to engage academic programs
 - 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