

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Sustainability Committee
02.03.23

Present: R. Bair; J. Breeding; R. Brill; P. Eagan; H. Fish; K. Fuchs; R. Higginbotham; V. McCann; B. McElhone; G. Pestun; N. Rickey; C. Schauer; T. Shane

Notes from 9.20.22 were approved; motion by Jeremy; support from Greg

- Recycling Events
 - 10.1.2022, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - The college partnered with the city
 - KVCC was mentioned in the City's will promotional efforts; a link was provided
 - Good turnout from the community
 - Additional volunteers would have been helpful at the beginning of the event
 - Future dual-drop off recycle events
 - 4.22.23; Earth Day
 - There has been discussion of a larger, possibly 2-day event to include
 - Styrofoam
 - City has provided criteria for types of Styrofoam that can be recycled
 - Electronics
 - Shredding
 - Discussion regarding mechanisms to get volunteers
 - Students
 - Through student organizations
 - Student Development Services
 - Cynthia indicated
 - unlikely to have student participation on Saturday
 - Committee needs to decide which initiatives it will support
 - Faculty
 - Faculty Organizations
 - Additional dual-drop off recycle events with City scheduled for
 - July 22, 2023
 - October 28, 2023
 - Discussion re: separate Earth Day collaboration initiative
 - More information forthcoming from Rachel/Bill/Linda Depta discussion
 - Paige indicated that the committee needs to make clear which activities it is committing to.

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- Initiatives
 - Charging Stations
 - 5 additional stations are being submitted for consideration as a 2024 Capital Project
 - Suggestion to add signage limiting charging time to facilitate use by others
 - Recycle Bin Update (Greg Pestun)
 - Greg met with WMU's Recycling Manager
 - Toured several areas
 - Received information re: processes/challenges and vendors for receptacles
 - Per Greg, getting recycling stations up will be good to raise awareness of recycling benefits
 - Suggestion made by Harlan to incorporate signage with receptacles
 - Where items go
 - What happens to them
 - Where do they end up
 - Consensus that success with recycling efforts lies with students
 - 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"
 - 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 Railings
 - Railing systems/bridge being submitted as Capital '23 project
 - Will allow incorporation of green roof areas into educational programming,
 - Railings at MJSCAH are also being planned
- Discussion/Suggestions re: increasing awareness/engagement in Sustainability Committee/Initiatives
 - Update/enhance webpage <https://www.kvcc.edu/about/sustainability/>
 - Highlight stories in KV Focus+
 - Sue Commissaris
 - **Consistent** info re: sustainability in InFocus
 - Sustainability module in Canvas
 - Had previous module in Moodle; lost migration to Canvas
 - In-class video re: culture change/sustainability
 - Could highlight efforts by KVCC individuals

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- Suggestion to create sub work groups
 - Internal sustainability initiatives
 - Student involvement and curriculum connections
 - Community connections and events
 - Suggestion made that additional individuals to serve on committee/sub work groups would be helpful
 - City's Bike Trail Audit (Kevin Fuchs/Rachel Bair)
 - KVCC approached to help with event
 - Offer free transportation (Bus passes) to students
 - Student Transportation Audit
 - Sustainability Summit Presentation (via Bus)
 - Use future meeting solely as brainstorm session
- Next Steps
 - Dannie to review minutes/suggestions
 - Determine next steps with sub work groups, etc.