

Kalamazoo Valley Community College  
Sustainability Committee  
01.26.2024

Present: D. Alexander; J. Breeding; H. Fish; V. McCann; B. McElhone; G. Pestun; N. Rickey; C. Schauer; T. Sypris

Absent: R. Bair; R. Brill; K. DeKam; K. Fuchs; R. Higginbotham; K. Lewis; T. Shane

Notes from 10.20.2023 were approved; motion by Bill; support from Theo.

- **Committee Engagement Projects**

- Blight pull
  - Cynthia commented:
    - there is interest with the Science Faculty and Sara Tanis from the Horticulture Program/FIC
    - Dave Lancaster has much experience and could be of assistance with this
      - Dannie will reach out to Dave relative to joining the Committee
    - April 19 was suggested for the blight pull
      - Same day as the Recycling Event
  - Per Dannie, internal resources will be utilized in developing the communication/marketing plan
- Highway project
  - Requires extreme amount of planning and KVCC buy-in
  - Suggestion made to table project at present
    - Will focus current efforts on internal activities
  - Will work into communication/messaging campaign as appropriate
- Composting at TTC
  - Greg followed up with My Green Michigan and provided the following information
    - Dumpster service/bags (compostable) are provided
    - 2 participation options available
      - Service at the FIC or MJSCAH
        - \$35/week/3 weeks
        - \$65/week/5 weeks
      - KVCC to separate and track compostables to get an idea of the amount prior to signing up for service
  - Greg to follow up with the account rep re presentation/information regarding the service.

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- Messaging campaign
    - Consensus that messaging relative to initiatives, educational awareness, etc. Needs to be intentional and consistent college wide
      - Tom Hamman can assist in development
      - Mechanisms
        - In house TV's
        - Newsletters
          - Consistent article re: sustainability college-wide measures/initiatives in place (LED light conversion/air filters, EGLE Rain gardens etc.)
        - Direct messaging relative to specific projects
        - Website presence
    - Workgroup
      - Members
        - Jeremy
        - Harlan
        - Cynthia
        - Greg
        - Nathan
        - Dannie
        - Bill
        - Theo
      - Will meet prior to next meeting to develop plan and then present at next Committee meeting, 4.12.24.
  - Other
    - Climate Change Training
      - As a long-term project Cynthia suggested investigating training relative to climate change
        - Training would then be brought back to the college and shared for educational purposes
        - Committee members would need to commit to
          - receiving the training
          - leading the educational initiative
      - Cynthia will share the information with Dannie
    - TTC/FIC Collaboration – establishing outdoor meeting space, etc.
      - Contractor to do the excavation/placement of amphitheater seating as been secured
      - Waiting on appropriate weather to start the project
    - Dannie stated that students would be assisting with landscaping projects for the new Cosmetology/Barbering facility
- The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be Fri, 4.12.24, 10 a.m. 5740