**Environmental Stewardship Committee - March 2017 Minutes**

**March 6, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Seth Lienard- Event and Conference Planning

Allyson Green - Campus Kitchens and Chief Sustainability Officer

Jill Davenport - Purchasing and Central Services

Karl Hahn- Environment Action Committee

Leif Anderson - Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. Last meeting’s minutes have been approved and posted on the ESC webpage.

**Agenda:**

**Slack -** We are trying out a new communication site.

1. Please log in and update your preferences, modification to settings to be updated when new notifications are posted.
2. Please subscribe to the different channels within our ESC Slack
3. Homework: everyone needs to log on and try out the different channels, post a question, etc.

**Sharing our Action Plan and Initiatives: What are our next steps?**

1. Staff Senate: newsletter will go out. Seth will present this to the senate.
2. Faculty Meeting: Christina will share at the March meeting and request a focused conversation.
3. Posting to the ESC Webpage, Blog posts, and sending emails to departmental committees: Andrea will send these out

**Strategies on water initiative:**

1. Bottled Water Initiative excel spreadsheet – Jill
2. Need to draft implementation plan before policy is put forward to the UC
3. Seth will get example templates to draft implementation plan – Andrea will start the drafting for the plans
4. New water filling stations: $2,500 each
	1. Urness - would need and additional 7 floors
	2. Memorial – Jill will look into if it is, or is not, feasible to install filling stations
5. Put together talking points about the water initiative to begin Cullinan conversations, to insure we are all on the same page.

**Compost:**

1. Allyson’s interns are busy with education initiatives
2. Researching which take out packaging is compostable or not
3. 3 weeks until Earth Day, look for Compost week activities and tabling!
4. Compost Field Trip Wednesday April 5 (tentative date)
5. Where does our compost currently go? (Jill)
	1. Rosemount
	2. Waste Management: 120 days the waste is broken down into usable compost (dirt)
	3. This is then used as soil amendments in golf courses, roof tops gardens, etc.
6. What does ESC want to use this data to track?
	1. We are receiving data from Waste Management
	2. This data can be used to set goals for a less waste campus
	3. Allyson will start to track this
	4. Leif with look into an ESC dashboard to keep track of data points, development, what is the best format to post our best 6 data points for the dashboard, etc.

**EAC Hallway plans? How can we help?**

1. EAC is working on the maps: Transit and Campus Sustainability
2. Discussion on if it will work, which option is the most effective? Printing or digital screens? Does Metro Transit have an app that the campus can easily advertise or show students how to use?

**Other Good Stuff:**

1. Sustainability Ambassadors for each department – let’s spread the word!

**For the next meeting:**

Pollinator friendly landscaping - Allyson

Rotating the lengths of our positions – Christina

***Have a wonderful spring break! Next Meeting will be on: March 30, 2017***