**Student Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Northeastern University**

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* Next steps with STARS
  + Jerry and Carol have been working on stars rating to see what it takes for us to get on the program
  + While also working on Princeton Review
  + STARS has significantly more detail than the Princeton Review but really takes community wide effort to collect data
  + We need directors to engage in it as well
  + Coming from the task force will help spread this
* New Sustainability Planner position starting in March
  + Jake Gallic beginning March 11th
  + Idea is that within facilities and planning we have a team that can work to present initiatives to campus community and raise awareness around what we have been doing with sustainability
  + Jerry’s current role is a different role than the one Jacob (Jake) is going to step into
  + Jerry will work w Jack to improve solid waste stream processes
  + Jake is more on planning side, working with faculty and community to implement programs about procurement
  + 216 Mass Ave certification, could Jake help with the language?
    - Hope is that Jake has experience that will help him help us understand whether we are capable of achieving certain goals and understanding where we are comparatively
* February 22nd event
  + Climate Conference at Egan
  + Workshop that Kathy and Maria will try to facilitate
  + Rose, Bud, Thorn
    - Want to see what students think of sustainability on campus
* MassRides terminating Emergency Ride Home, NU alternative options
  + NU is part of a list serve/group in Northeast with other universities and Tufts is using miles2share
  + Great program but lack of safety features in the app, unlike uber in that there are no background checks or ways to get help quickly directly through the app
  + Reach out to see what cost might be to close to NU community and get our logo on there
  + Need to start sharing this information electronically but also need to share this while tabling
    - Trivia about NU sustainability?
  + Add to facilities and planning newsletter(which we should get started again)
  + Maybe just set up a carpool program?
* List of goals for facilities
  + Work to understand what Amaresco is doing and how it will affect our carbon footprint
  + Close to 35 student groups that have a focus on sustainability
* Recycling Works audit
  + Recycling works is org that provides free assistance for solid waste, recycling, composting etc
  + Willing to come do a composting audit for free
  + Have already worked with schools in Boston area to get their programs up and running + better
  + We want to move forward with the composting audit
  + Departments should have ownership of their composting
  + Find program that comes to pick up compost once a week
  + Law School might be a good pilot?
  + Boot strap composting, one in Cambridge...
    - Maybe we could donate the compost to local farmers or community gardens
    - Maybe open up to employees or take to campus in Dedham
* Signage for waste/recycling
  + Maria asked for 3 $250,000
  + To change and standardize all bins on campus
  + That includes signage
    - Mark from MarCom on its way
  + Also want to put it on LEED signage at ISEC
* March 5 Sustainable Business Network Food Vendor Sale
  + Typically we are not involved, should we pursue so that we have a presence?
  + Yes, we should get in contact with Sustainable Business Network so that we can get a table
  + Event is held on campus but for some reason we are not involved?
* Recycling Workshop at Wellesley College for Universities in the beginning of March
  + Jack may want to go
* \*Make sustainability committee list serve\*
* Blue Bike station update
  + There are bikes on the north lot but they are removed during winter
  + Some by Renaissance Garage
  + If we have a station on campus it would be great
  + \*add to next agenda\*
* Bikes and Bike repair stations
  + Maybe relocate West bike repair station due to vandalism
  + It was placed there because it is under a overhang and also in front of the proctor station but ineffective