**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