Energy & Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes 1/22/18


Guests: Karlee Siepierski

Approval of Agenda: Luke Juran motion, Jeff Orzolek second

Approval of Minutes: Jeremy Smith motion, Scott Kerklo second

Old Business

STARS Update
- Submitted December 19, 2017 with a provisional score of 72.13/100, resulting in Gold rating
- Still waiting for STARS internal review, should have official score in the next 1 - 2 weeks
- Threshold for Gold rating is 65 points, and of all the schools that have submitted STARS report under version 2.1, 36 other schools have received a Gold rating
- Denny will share official score report when it becomes available

Policy 5505 update
- [http://www.policies.vt.edu/5505.pdf](http://www.policies.vt.edu/5505.pdf)
- Last time document was updated was 8/31/16, before that 2011
- Encompasses many areas including energy efficiency and conservation, building construction, operations and maintenance, transportation and travel, waste reduction, and billing
- Appoint subcommittee to update policy 5505
  - Rob Lowe and Denny Cochrane chairing
  - Volunteer members are Scott Kerklo, Jeff Orzolek, Jeremy Smith, Virgil Centeno, Debbie Greer
  - Ruben Avagyan advising
- The subcommittee will give an update during our February meeting, and will provide progress reports at subsequent meetings

New Business

Student Sustainability Initiatives
- VT will participate in [RecycleMania](http://www.policies.vt.edu/5505.pdf) 2018, which is an 8-week recycling competition among colleges and universities across the country
- Earth Week is April 16 - 22, first planning forum will be in February

Green RFP
- January: Office of Sustainability briefing Facilities officials on proposals received
- Jan - Feb: subcommittee meets and form recommendations (current phase)
- Feb meeting: subcommittee presents recommendations to E&S Committee
- March: E&S Committee presents proposals to budget office
Proposals can fall in categories 1-4
  - Category 1: will forward up to budget committee
  - Category 2: needs more refining, possibly reconsider next year
  - Category 3: not considering, out of proposal bounds
  - Category 4: handled offline without proposal process

Open Discussion
- Committee would like Gwyneth Manser to give description and update of compost program at the March 26, 2018 meeting
- Earth Week 2018 dates 16 - 22 April, will include tree planting, and recommend bike share events to publicize new program
- Keynote speaker for Earth Week? Karlee will let committee know when planning forums will be
- Planning Proterra electric bus demo some time during earth week
- Sean McGinnis' life cycle analysis class is in need of project ideas - has 40 teams looking for products or processes to analyze, forward any ideas to Sean
- Fume hood in Kelly Hall - was installed and is receiving positive responses
- Students for Sustainable Practice/SGA composting survey - https://goo.gl/forms/2eop1MVEErgJM4Gl2

Motion to adjourn: Jeremy Smith, second Alexis Trent

Next Meeting: February 26, 2018 2:00pm Burruss Hall, Room 130