**Meeting 9/14/2021**

*Korner Tower Terrace*

**Present**: Diana Malcom, Mark Powell, Mark Tinik, Beth Nackley, Brendan Berthold, Nina Bumgarner, Amber Krieg.

**Sustainability Council:** Mihyun Kang, Director of the Arts & Architecture Sustainability Council, reviewed the college sustainability goals and four focus areas. Please contact her or Deb to join the AA Sustainability listserv.

Deb Gulick: discussed the operation working group - green paws program, events and meetings, green teams. Beth asked about faculty who print everything, how can we persuade people to use more digital files. She said some types of paper are better for recycling. Maybe we can ask students for ideas for using recycled materials. Brendan mentioned the ARTS UP program from several years ago. Amber mentioned the Palmer banners – they found a company to make tote bags from the banners, but the process is expensive / the bags will be expensive (like tote bags made from recycled sails).

Sustainability Council PowerPoint:

[https://pennstateoffice365.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/ArtsandArchitectureStaffAdvisoryCouncil/EUGE2EqsqZNMpFCU5Bqd3eMBYeFYiNmrCthQUmg7CWjAXA?e=vEgUwv](https://pennstateoffice365.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/s/ArtsandArchitectureStaffAdvisoryCouncil/EUGE2EqsqZNMpFCU5Bqd3eMBYeFYiNmrCthQUmg7CWjAXA?e=vEgUwv)

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Diana met with Dean Carpenter. He likes that the SAC is meeting with college leaders, e.g. Sita Frederick and Mihyun Kang, to learn about the college. He suggested that the SAC invite Folayemi Wilson to a future meeting. The Dean may also join us for an SAC meeting this year.

**Discussion**

August A&A **Welcome Back Event** hosted by AA SAC was postponed due to inclement weather. We decided to reschedule this with a rain date in early October. Mark, Marty, and Amber are looking into possible raffle items from their unit (event tix, swag that will not cost us anything). Each unit provide information from their unit that may be interesting/pertinent to staff via display or handouts.

The **Staff Retreat** event has been held annually in the first or second week of May. In the past, this has received the most support from SoVA, which is unable to commit to this for the Spring 2022 retreat. It was suggested that we have faculty presentations, a team building day at Shaver’s Creek, Tussey Mountain, or Millbrook Marsh.

The intranet [SAC page](https://intranet.arts.psu.edu/dashboard/staff-information/staff-advisory-council/) needs to be updated, SAC representatives asked to review the page for updates and send suggestions to Diana or Brendan. What do we want to offer college staff in this space? What is missing? The page is maintained by the college.

Professional Development– we have $5K to support staff professional development; the funds must be matched by the unit.

Chair Elect needs to be selected at the next meeting. Brendan can report on UP SAC work at next meeting.

Next Meeting: Oct 12, 2021 02:30 PM - Water Tower/Stuckeman