

University Sustainability Committee Presidents Conference Room

1/21/2016 2:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. Kim Littlefield
Alexander Moylan
Justin Roberts
Dr. Glen Borchert
Dr. Doug Marshal
Dr. Krista Harrell
Sara Boccardo
Victor Cohen

Todd Culp
Cecelia Martin
Jerry Purvis
Kelly Rushing
Catherine Buttrey
Ravi Rajenda (guest)

Computer Recycling

Dr. Borchert re-opened the discussion on recycling/repurposing discarded University computers and hardware.

Currently, discarded computers and hardware are taken to surplus and sold in bundles at a minimal cost to the consumer, or scrapped.

As stated previously, Dr. Borchert believes that an option is to repurpose these computers to Goodwill.

Ms. Boccardo stated that while Goodwill can at least recycle the material, the capability of Goodwill to repurpose the computers and hardware must be explored further.

- Ms. Boccardo will seek input from John Will, Donation Acquisition Manager at Goodwill Easter Seals.

Justin Roberts reported that CIS students could possibly help via Dr. Tom Johnsten.

Dr. Littlefield will investigate if computers can leave the University with hard drives intact by speaking with Chris Cannon, Executive Director of Information Technology.

Bin Stickers and Pilot Recycling Program

Todd Culp announced that previously discussed bin stickers are no longer being pursued. Instead, the president wants recycling to be standardized across campus, first starting with a pilot program encompassing three buildings; Shelby Hall, the Administration building, and the Communications building.

Three different options are being explored for bins to primarily be placed in the hallways within these buildings.

- Separate buildings could emulate the style of a multi-stream bin by using three separate, less-expensive bins for paper, aluminum, and plastic.
- Individual offices may also be outfitted with bins, possibly smaller in design to occupy less space, yet still offer employees an opportunity to recycle.

Todd also reported that his department will possibly have a brand new truck at their disposal in the future, complete with sustainability branding, to assist Goodwill in transporting recyclable material as the emphasis on recycling continues to grow on campus.

USAPD Incident at on-campus Recycling Center

Todd Culp briefly re-opened discussion on the incident that took place at the end of last semester at the Recycling Center.

Todd reaffirmed that once materials are dropped off to that location, that they then become University property and cannot be removed again.

