

FUSE Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019 – Earth Week
SU 106

- Updated contact information
 - Tiffany Budd, new Sustainability Operations Coordinator, started April 2019
 - Becki Lanter, now Director of Operations & Maintenance
 - Bailey Peterson, Sustainability Intern
- Plastic waste was brought up as an issue on campus. How can we reduce our plastic usage and waste?
- Susan asked if the Office Supply Swap can become a centralized storage location open for anyone to stop by? Perhaps located in old mailroom where FUEL just moved out of.
 - (Tiffany followed up with Jim Parker, Labor Crew, about this and he suggested there's enough room to leave it in the surplus area and have people "shop" there. Tiffany suggested future supply swap events be held in the surplus area so items do not have to be moved around campus unnecessarily.)
- Roger shared horticulture best practices with the group. Flowers, trees, and other flora that cater to pollinators are not treated with insecticides. Annual flowers are selected for their benefit to pollinators. NKU's irrigation system is not on a set clock like most universities. Irrigation is changed daily based on information from rain sensors on campus. The NKU tree inventory is about 90% complete; about 1200 trees exist on main campus area.
- Bill discussed how NKU is transitioning all recycling bins to single stream recycling. Bins are very expensive so that transition is happening slowly. Looking for a more cost efficient method for recycling. Currently NKU receives about \$5-7,000 per year for recycled paper.
- Tiffany will be researching food composting and the possibility of starting this on campus. Will be meeting with Go ZERO to discuss options and pricing.
- Becki discussed the new Energy Performance Contract
 - Started in Feb 2019
 - Lease is for 12 years.
 - Costs are paid from currently existing energy savings
 - Some examples of projects: New LED lights in tunnel system; new hoods in Science Center to make the building more efficient.
- PACE funding was discussed. Can NKU utilize PACE as a non-profit? Yes, but more research is needed.

Attendees:

Rebecca Lanter
Tiffany Budd
Roger McCulley
Bill Moulton
Susan Ryman

Abdul, recent graduate from NKU in Environmental Studies.