FUSE Meeting Minutes (3/20/2018)

In Attendance:

- Tess Phinney, Sustainability Manager, Adjunct Faculty
- Tiffany Budd, Center for Global Engagement Budget Officer
- Zaidi, AVP Facilities Management
- Bailey Peterson, NKU Sustainability Student Worker
- Roger McCulley, Horticulture Supervisor
- Ben Broomall, Horticulture, Certified Arborist
- Ali Greer, Campus Planning
- Jim Wilkinson, Chemistry

Earth Week

- Tours were scheduled at the NKU Field Station for 4/22, but field station staff have not confirmed. Zaidi recommended reaching out to Patrick Schultz or Bill Moulton for assistance.
- Tiffany recommended a back-up option: local Sierra Club
- Thrift Shop: add collection point at O&M building, print signs, send info to Karen. Add central receiving location too.
- Student Government is going to assist with campus beautification on 4/21 in prep for commencement – they will be primarily working on mulching near the BB&T arena
- Roger needs to know if mulch is needed for the new path through the wildflower garden
- Horticulture will be handing out tree seedlings at an Earth Week event – maybe Monday Mile on 4/23

Tree Campus USA

- 2018 marks NKU’s 10th year as a Tree Campus
- Zaidi suggests that we have a more articulate version of what our Tree Campus commitment is, what is requires, and how we maintain our status
- According to Roger, some of our annual tree maintenance includes:
  - Winter pruning
  - Structural pruning
  - Fertilizing
- Annually, NKU is required to host a volunteer tree planting event that includes a photo and the Tree Campus banner.

Horticulture update:

- Roger stressed the importance of annual flowers on campus
- Horticulture is particularly careful not to spray flowers in bloom because chemicals can negatively impact pollinators
- The horticulture crew also avoids using chemicals near Loch Norse to avoid water contamination

Plantings in the round-a-bout

- Student Government asked if it would be possible to plant in the round-a-bout specifically the one on Nunn & University Drive.
- Zaidi and Roger agree that this is a visibility issue. Additionally, the round-a-bout is owned by the state.
• RecycleMania update:
  o Tess presented an update on Weeks 1-6 of RecycleMania.
  o Zaidi suggested providing this information to Chris Cole in MarComm for marketing purposes and Shawn Rainey in Intuitional Research for assistance with interpreting the data – specifically why week 6 weights are so much lower than week 5.