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-athletic department said they would reimburse ECO, $400 per game for the recycling services.

-The money that comes from the athletic department will go to a ECO members scholarship.

-tailgate has been moved back to the parking lot.

5:30

New member Dan Smith, welcome.

5:32

-Jen Semberia Bobcat Blend Proposal presentation

-Graduate student for bobcat blend composting.

-faculty managed, student run and Grant supporting composting program.

- 300 tons of food waste was being sent off to the landfills before the program.

-took about a year to establish a compost site. 2008

-2009 composting begin

-invasive species studies, rio grande river, gulf coast, San Marcos river.

-collection sites, commons, Harris, LBJ, Den, Jones, nutrition labs.

-post consumer waste

-pre consumer waste

-kitchen staff turn over, re-education

-new students new research

-value of signage, where they are place, getting through to the student/faculty community

-fully functional MSW (tceq certified)

-equipment, truck, bobcat, trailer, dump trailer, pediporter.

-green bucket program, request pick up of organic waste from home and office.

-issuing a bucket with a map of locations of where to drop off waste.

-processed 57 tons, double from last year.

-TCEQ Pollution Prevention Award for 2012

-a lot of dedicated volunteers and student workers.

-85,000 grant received from state farm youth for Hernadez elementary school.

-program includes the whole university community

-this program does not go on just one day out of the year, it is a everyday job. Either with food waste pick ups, compost site processing etc.

-value of bobcat blend is high, Texas organic farm and garden association, capcog solid waste group, edible San Marcos....

-diversion of green waste will be a law in the near future.

-increasing the recycling in LBJ, jones, den cafeterias was not developed until bobcat blend incorporated recycling into the bins.

-compost itself is extremely fertile and promotes organic methods of fertilizing plants.

-getting more doers then we have compost which shows that we are doing our job to promote of product, make a sale and learn business ethics along the way.

-schools world wide are asking bobcat blend for their model of how we got started and how they can mimic bobcat blend program.

-overall program costs = 43,650/year

-2008-2010 cost 474,168

-2010

-2011

-2012cost 85,719

-volunteers are working part time jobs for free, still not enough to rely on volunteers

-problem is how do you keep a program running with money for fuel and matinance

-short and long term plans, figuring out of to get funded through grants.

-grant writing has become second nature for the members of bobcat blend which is a valuable tool for the professional field of our students.

-partner with similar businesses such as ROI.

-government sponsorship TCEQ and EPA want to help with the program but that's not concrete yet.

-economic feasibility is a continued research project.

- continue to sell compost, demand is high.

-a lot of corporate Support is in the future and from the community.

-partnering with the city of San Marcos in exchange for annual stipend.

-institutionalizing the program ,documenting value of offsetting waste.

-I strongly support The innovative Bobcat Blend Composting project. it involves both original essential research and practical applications. This is the type of project and process that is necessary for us to develop a sustainable human life on earth...Jim Kimmel.

6:10 questions and answers for Bobcat Blend proposal

6:25 Bobcat Blend Voting

-mark motion to vote,

-Richard second

-motion to approve .

6:32

-discuss Janet hales proposal.

-Clarissa motion to not approve,

-Carter seconds motion

- six in favor of not approving

-two abstain

6:50

Budget discussion

6:56

Motion to adjourn