**Agenda 4/6/2016**

Start: 5:18 pm

* 1. Presentations:
     + Sarah Durham: Texas State Recycle 5:50 pm- 6:30pm
       - 230 total bins on campus
       - 110 buildings on campus, about 2 bins per building
       - Some buildings not serviced by the department
       - List of what is serviced and how often on website Texas state recycle
       - Recycle: furniture, batteries, electronics,
       - Current events: (On recycling website)
         * Recycle mania Jan- April (competition between schools)
         * Pick it up and pass it on April 28th through May 13th (clothing type drive)
         * Texas recycles day November
         * Bobcat Blend

Composting and composting opportunities

* + - * Main goal is to increase awareness (permanate posters)
        + Via posters and flyers
        + Maps next to trash cans
        + Recycling events
        + Volunteer opportunities
        + Recycle bank- online – give you points if you get on and earn points just from watching videos and reading articles, waste points too(thinking about implementing a campus wide organization)
        + Student society meeting
      * Other Means?
        + Busses
        + Social media
        + University emails
        + Texas state mobile app- once the map gets created, student can see where the next bin is
        + Facilities says they are understaffed and can’t afford more maintenance on bins, possible volunteer opportunity
        + Most freezable option
        + Really want an event to recycle (student society collaboration) work together
        + Money from recycling can go back into the program
        + Engineering department- points for recycling, swipe a card

Questions

* What the university really needs is a recycle coordinator, university funded? Best thing to do would be a conjoined wildlife society and ESC, what can we do together?
* What organization do you represent? Independent person out there, like to work with a group, who else would be involved? Communicating with Copy Cats, Mario Garza? Talked to boss, application is incomplete, don’t need an organization but need a sponsor,
* All topics are very important: Need to narrow down on options
* Show evidence of collaboration that is specific and people are behind, recycling bank, get their names down too, and shows the collaboration is possible? How would is become institutionalized? Campus is large and need to see harmony. We can help but a focus is needed, More productive to bring everyone together as opposed to the organization, need to see buy in, need a specific project, reach out to groups and see what they need to back!
* Hone in on **one** specific project, just map as opposed to ideas.
* Recycle mania has marketing materials for free! (Next year)
* What is the problem you are trying to solve, what would be your research question? Awareness, maps, measure with quantity and facilities annually
* Resources that builds a story, what are some goals that are attainable right now?
* Take the presentation and give it to each organization, come to a list of what they are willing to do
* Ideas: Alternative options, stamps on scrap paper, stencils on canvas or wood, or metal stencils, educations and outreach- bins for each option, identify location of where recycle bins should be placed, 4 Rs of recycle Rethink/Reject Reuse, Reduce, Recycle
* Aluminum is more easy to process:
  + - Rebekah Rylander: Nesting Boxes 5:28 pm-5:49 pm
      * Omithalogical society
      * Increased competition
      * Loss of shelter, food and resources
      * Growth has pushed them out
      * EX. Freemen center project (TXSTATE nesting project)
      * 71 boxes put in in 2 years
      * Research on boxes, 2 grad projects and 2 more in progress
      * Why? For the birds- increase population/ and bring nature to the public for enjoyment
      * 40 nest boxes in Sewell, Campus and Meadow center
      * Boxes follow Texas Bluebird society
      * $800 in nest boxes and their upkeep in spring and fall
      * Q- would will be cedar
      * Anyone interested can volunteer for Freeman boxes

Questions

* Invertebrate can indicate water quality, has there ever been any research done at Texas State? Species require specific guidelines, but can tell health of ecosystems
* What are your nesting expectations, species wise? - discourage invasive species
* Will Freeman continue to maintain the boxes? I hope so , we have a good fan base so far- she will be around 5 years at least
* What about boxes near LBJ? Are they maintained? No, In a cypress tree, possibly retrofit or replace them
* Map
* Sterile landscape, where will you put them on campus? We would survey and walk campus, not super crazy traffic areas
* Why 40? We were thinking 40 for maintenance and they didn’t want to have too many price wise, can increase every year
* Have you talked to grounds? No, important to know the history and maintenance of trees
* Have you looked into safety and liability concerns? There are waivers they could sign, Freeman might need a hazard warning type thing, if it is a concern we would create a form, 8 to 10 feet
  + - Karen Hollensbe: JCK water refill stations 5:19pm – 5:28 pm
      * Location can be anywhere in JCK
      * Plastic bottles are wasteful
      * Water is yellow and “gross”
      * Can’t just replace the face with filter, you have to purchase the full unit, more expensive
      * Highest traffic of students
      * No extra maintenance costs
      * Want to place in a high traffic area
      * Near entrances? Floor 1,2,3,4

Questions

* How will you determine the highest population? Meter on machines, before? Could take a survey?
* Student traffic is important! Student centric
* Will FOU with email
  1. Meeting conclusion:
     + Can we double the water stations? Opportunity to fund others?
     + Students would use the refill station
     + Motion approved- want to make sure the fund will be available to other groups,
  2. Bird Box: Must be approved by the president if we fund
     + Q: Need the location of where she will put the boxes for president committee if it moves forward, they will want to know where and what they look like
     + Approve contingent on president’s cabinet approval, send PowerPoint (reduced info) Will get power point on tracs
     + Q: Might be compromise on campus, security issues
     + Bird boxes: Approved
  3. Sarah Recycles
     + Proposal has been denied, can reformat and re submit
* Concluded 6:51 pm