# ESC Meeting Notes

## October 28, 2015

## 5:15-6:30

**Attending**

**Voting: 9**

**Nonvoting: 3**

**Guests: 6**

**Start Time: 5:16 PM**

1. **Announcements**

* Dr. Ken Mix appointed by Agriculture Department
* Final reports
  + Katy contacted 8 reports total, 2 have gotten back to her.
* Mission/Vision Statements
* Project Rubric
  + Will be uploaded to tracs this week, send out to future projects.
* Website update
* Brianne Willis Interpretive Signage Update
  + Dec 7 or Spring 2016, Final Report

1. **Proposals**

* Bobcat Blend Signage Proposal Questions and Feedback
  + Brought student that are effected by Bobcats Blend success or failure
* Feedback:
  + **Make the programs and service more clear**
  + **How does bobcat blend signage, outreach to these students? How are students outside of these majors effected?**
    - Presented to different groups, In example children, library,
    - Present at events and organizational fairs to increase their visibility.
    - Signage helps to show them what the waste is and how it then becomes a resource.
    - Students did not know terms like organic and compost, learning through active involvement.
    - Measurable: Willing to do a pre and post waste audit before and after signage. Compost knowledge study. Please add to proposal.
  + **Student: How do you do outreach?**
    - Has a large impact in their learning, greenhouse, gardens.
    - Horticulture club- sale, Bobcat Blend was present and educated and demonstrated to the community
    - Any returns from those? People would come in and ask questions
    - Signage increases for recycling and trash, seem to stimulate student involvement.
  + **Business plan for sustainability?**
    - Brought a comparison chart comparing different universities compost programs
    - None are fully sustainable
    - 5 year income generating strategy
  + **Saving university money not Chartwells, outside funding sources?**
    - When going through the Channels, have been denied and told not to return.
    - Future funds: only applied when out of options. ESC and Grants
    - Not currently funded through the department, no department backing.
    - Why? No indication from them
    - Any funding through San Marcos- City uses Bobcat blend, they collect leave waste. Provide a lot of services without getting paid. Containers- could rent out and charge for pick-up.
    - Was not meant to be a business, is a teaching research and learning operation
  + **Would like to see it institutionalized or outside funding.**
    - University power is in the hands of the students.
    - Possible petition for composting on Campus?

1. **Adjournment**

End Time: 6:28 PM