



The **UNIVERSITY** *of* **OKLAHOMA**
Environmental Concerns Committee

Minutes

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

Call To Order

A meeting of the Environmental Concerns Committee was held in Gould Hall on March 11, 2020. It began at 1:30 PM and was presided by Jeff Widener, the Environmental Concerns Committee co-chair.

Attendees

Voting Members in Attendance: Jeff Widener, Jeri Fleming, Joel Wilson, Tammy McCuen

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Sarah Ballew, Dot Flowers

Agenda Items

I. Introduction

Our guest speaker, Dot Flowers from Housing and Food Services, presented on the department's efforts to implement sustainable behaviors.

1. Reduce waste:
 - a. Plastic t-shirt bags will be replaced with reusable green bags in fall 2020.
 - b. Plastic single-use straws to be replaced with reusable straws.
 - c. Reusable food containers to replace disposable containers.
2. Food purchased:
 - a. Local (handled or touched)
 - b. Locally produced
 - c. MIO
 - d. Real food (sustainably grown and raised, local, safe food, and economically feasible)
3. Other endeavors
 - a. Food rescue (average 56 pounds per day out of Couch restaurants).
 - b. Drink refills
 - c. Straws and lids behind counter
 - d. Food digester

II. Old Business

- A. Voting for Environmental Stewardship Awards open until Thursday, March 12th.

III. Future Agenda Items

Our next meeting for this academic year will take place on April 15th at 1:30 PM in Gould Hall room 185. Any changes will be communicated via email.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM