I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by RC Paul, past Chair.

II. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Commission Overview: RC Paul provided a brief overview of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the six presidential commissions, and the history of the Sustainability commission. He also described the commission’s tasks including the monitoring of Kennesaw State University’s greenhouse gas emissions which is required of institutions that have signed onto the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment. Members who would like more information about the commission can visit www.kennesaw.edu/diversity.

B. Commission Leadership: RC Paul stated the commission is in need of volunteers for the leadership positions of Chair and Associate Chair or Co-Chair (depending on the leadership model the commission chooses to utilize). Mark Patterson and Ed Akins volunteered to Co-Chair the commission for Academic Year (AY) 15.

C. Commission Structure: In order to create a solid framework for the commission, RC Paul recommended the commission focus on creating, implementing, and monitoring commission by-laws and procedures. He also recommended the commission create a
structure for membership especially for student members as most student sustainability organizations are inactive this year.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Greenhouse Gas Inventory: RC Paul stated the greenhouse gas emissions inventory is completed on a biennial basis. For Fiscal Year (FY) 14, RC is working with Jim Cooper at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU) to complete a combined inventory for both campuses. Due to the dedicated amount of time required in collecting, recording, and calculating data, John Anderson, Assistant Vice President of Facilities, is working to acquire funding to hire two student assistants (one undergraduate and one graduate student) to assist in completing the inventory. The final inventory is due January 15, 2015.
B. Campus Culture and Climate Assessment: RC informed the commission that the results of the Campus Culture and Climate Assessment were released to the campus this week. According to the responses, faculty, staff, and students indicated they would like to see more training and course offerings for sustainability initiatives.
C. Shower Better Initiative: To celebrate October as “Shower Better” month, Cobb County Water is donating over 1,000 high efficiency showerheads to Residence Life and Facilities. They will also install meters to measure pre- and post-efficiency.
D. Earth Week: KSU’s Conflict Management program’s annual conference will be held on April 17-18, 2015. The theme for this year is “Livelihoods, Sustainability, and Conflict.” Since the conference is being held a few days before Earth Day, RC Paul stated that he would like to combine efforts and use the conference as part of Earth Week celebrations. RC has suggested George Bandy, Vice President of Sustainability Interface, as a potential keynote speaker. Sustainability Interface, headquartered in Atlanta, creates modular carpet tiles and is one of the most sustainable companies in the United States. Individuals who are interested in presenting at the conference must submit their proposals by November 14, 2014.

IV. OPEN FORUM/ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Earth Day: Julie Newell stated she would like to ensure that Earth Day/Earth Week events are celebrated on both KSU and SPSU’s campuses. In the past, she and a group of students have planted the Georgia Native Plant Society’s Plant of the Year on SPSU’s
campus, and this is a tradition she would like to see continued and/or implemented on both campuses.

B. **Consolidation:** Matt Weand stated he would like the commission to look at transportation issues for campus community members commuting between SPSU and KSU. Even if Parking and Transportation and/or Cobb County Community Transit implement a dedicated shuttle, students will more than likely choose to drive themselves. It was suggested the commission create a sub-committee dedicated to analyzing sustainability initiatives in the consolidation. Terran Terell recommended the commission look at transportation methods at peer institutions and other consolidated University System of Georgia (USG) schools. Luc Noiset recommended the commission provide their recommendations to the consolidation committees. Ed and Mark will look at possible options for sub-committees and email their suggestions to the commission.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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