

# THE PULSE

## IT'S COMING

### Recycling Effort on the LSUHSC Campus

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Now that you're done with that water bottle, will you throw it away or recycle it? The answer probably depends on who you ask. For some, the simple answer is that dumping everything in a landfill is still cheaper. Problem solved. For others, the answer is that nothing should ever make it to a landfill. The best answer is probably somewhere in between those extremes.

Common sense tells us that some effort for resource preservation and recycling should be made. While there have been numerous discussions about recycling on the LSUHSC campus, and even a few well organized efforts, to date we are not recycling except through the efforts of dedicated individuals on a small scale.

The issue of recycling was again raised in the fall of 2013 in a Faculty Assembly meeting. The issue was subsequently brought to the LSUHSC Faculty Senate as a matter of importance for many of our institution's faculty and students. An ad hoc committee on recycling was formed comprised of faculty and student representatives from the various schools of LSUHSC to study the matter fully.

Over the past 5 months, the committee has diligently worked to develop a thorough proposal for a Recycling Effort on the LSUHSC Campus. The proposal will include detailed cost estimates, operating parameters, and goals for sustainability for both a limited scale phase (MEB only) and a full scale phase to include the entire downtown campus, along with the Dental School.

Starting on September 1, 2014 we will conduct a pilot phase for the MEB to help determine the necessary cost information and feasibility of ongoing limited and full scale operation for the recycling of paper, plastic, and aluminum products.

For information on how you can help make the pilot phase a success, please visit the LSUHSC Faculty Senate webpage (<http://www.lsuhs.edu/orgs/facultysenate/>). You will find detailed information on how, what, and when to recycle along with contact information for committee members willing to answer any questions that you may have.

# THIS IS A TEST! A VERY IMPORTANT TEST!

*Recycling is coming! However, like any developing plan, we need to give it a test run on a limited scale to figure out a few things. Here are the details on how this will happen:*

## WHEN:

September 1 – November 30, 2014 For three months our standard waste management company (WastePro Management) has kindly donated a comingling recycling bin **AT NO COST TO THE UNIVERSITY!**

## WHY:

In order to make this happen University-wide, we have to develop a plan and a proposal. In order to develop a plan and a proposal, we have to understand the finances, cost, logistics, and any bugs in the system that need to be worked out. A limited test at no cost to the University is exactly the way to make this happen!

## WHERE:

Since this is a limited test, bins will be located in **THE MEB ONLY!** Recycling bins will be placed in the atrium, at each first floor entrance, in Lecture Hall B (for the note taking service), one at each elevator for floors 2 – 7, and on the elevated walkway entering into the MEB from the residence hall.

## HOW:

The ad hoc recycling committee has worked with Mr. Treacy Stone in Facilities Management. Mr. Stone will coordinate Facilities staff to monitor and empty the recycling bins for this three-month time period.

So let's all work together to make this happen! Use the bins! Give us your feedback! Use the bins **ONLY** for their purpose (see below)! With your help we can get the information we need to bring recycling to LSUHSC!

# Yes!

**Aluminum**

**Paper**

**Cardboard**

**Plastic**



# No!

**Glass**

**Garbage**

**Food**

