

**Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting**

February 21, 2020

2-3:30 p.m.

A-104

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Introductions**

Attendees: Waverly Ray, Michelle Rodriguez, Gerry Vanderpot, Daniela Bruckman, Dean Leavitt, Sam Lee, Nancy Cortés, Allan Schougaard, Ron Sandvick, Leslie Seiger, Alison Primoza

Regrets: Scott Starbuck, Paige Hu, Beth Cain

**2. Brief Updates**

a. Michelle Rodriguez and Waverly Ray nominated by Committee on Committees to the District Sustainability Committee. Next DSC meeting is February 27.

b. President's Breakfast on Friday, April 10: Waiting for response on ideas proposed (student speakers, climate change poetry reading by student, native garden tour, networking discussions, etc.)

c. Three BARC requests submitted: Composting, campus trail, and meditation garden

d. City of San Diego Waste Reduction Award application submitted. See the 2019 tonnage report from Republic Services here: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/1n8h4j1og8q9jw1/Mesa College SDCCD Tonnage Report 2019 YTD.xls?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/1n8h4j1og8q9jw1/Mesa%20College%20SDCCD%20Tonnage%20Report%202019%20YTD.xls?dl=0)

e. Request for ESC member to attend Facilities Committee meetings. Meeting will be first Thursdays in MC-151 at 2:15pm. Waverly will attend.

f. Sustainability Certificate of Achievement approved starting in Fall 2020.

**3. Review draft of the ESC sustainability survey:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kXQYHz4gCtvq9jXNYlv15Sh\\_mcNg7B-aHuu1altTdDc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kXQYHz4gCtvq9jXNYlv15Sh_mcNg7B-aHuu1altTdDc/edit?usp=sharing)

**a. Edits**

b. Incentive (\$20 received from Scott). Contributions do not dictate questions and are not guaranteed to be used for this particular survey.

- Michelle to work on purpose statements, grouped questions.
- Waverly to work on IPCC question.
- Nancy to inquire about possible survey incentive.

#### 4. Sub-committee Reports

##### a. Trail

- Dean and Ron met, waiting for approval from City. Will attend next Tecolote Advisory Committee meeting.

##### b. Energy efficiency

- Sample posters printed, Dean MacNeill will discuss at upcoming LRAS meeting.
- Waverly to present to Facilities that we will make request for installation after consultation with Dean.

##### c. Transportation

- No updates.

##### d. Campus landscaping

- No updates.

##### e. Climate conversations

- See event information below.

#### 5. Committee Goals and Projects

##### a. Old Business

###### 1. Meatless Mondays

###### 2. Campus signage

- To recycle properly.

###### 3. Campus purchasing policy re: surcharge on bottled drinks and discount for reusable cups

###### 4. Committee policies and procedures document:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/8nmpqp2extxvuid/Environmental Sustainability Committee Polices %26 Procedures, REV2.docx?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/8nmpqp2extxvuid/Environmental%20Sustainability%20Committee%20Policies%20and%20Procedures%20REV2.docx?dl=0)

Need to finalize ahead of election at May 22 meeting.

#### 6. Upcoming events

##### a. PCAB Presentation?

##### b. Earth Day 2020 Planning

###### 1. Event request submitted: 10am to 3pm on Wednesday, April 22

###### 2. Humanities Institute Funding

###### 3. We have the STEM Lecture from 7-8:30pm in G-101. Topic? Movie?

- Chaparral Institute, Rick Halsey. Leslie will follow up.
- Alison will share her list of potential invitees.

c. District Sustainability Presentation: Wednesday, February 26, 11:10am to 12:35pm in BT-106. Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management Chris Manis will talk about sustainability at the Mesa College campus and in the San Diego Community College District. Learn about the fuel cell for the Mesa College campus and more!

d. Climate Conversations: Wednesday, February 26, 3:30pm to 4:30pm in MS-111. Meet and share plans about the climate crisis with English professor Scott Starbuck. Meetings will be held in a circle, where those in attendance may “pass, delay, or respond” hopes, fears, teaching resources, videos, questions, etc. for up to ten minutes without interruption. Participants can then share longer items as time allows. Mesa Counselor Judy Sundayo will attend to help those suffering from climate stress, or to refer them to resources. Will also meet on March 25, April 29, and May 27.

e. First Sunday in the Garden: Sunday, March 1, from 1pm to 5pm at the Mesa garden (location at [bit.ly/mesagarden](http://bit.ly/mesagarden)). Help with the native plant gardens and the vegetable garden plots. Regular gardening/composting every Thursday from 3:30pm to sunset. Flyer:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/bbi7nl9hegfszfn/Spring 2020 Gardening Hours\\_small\\_r2.png?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/bbi7nl9hegfszfn/Spring%202020%20Gardening%20Hours_small_r2.png?dl=0)

f. ESC-sponsored STEM lecture: "Roaming wild and [pathogen-]free? Describing pathogen dynamics in managed and feral honey bee colonies" by UCSD PhD Candidate Amy Geffre on Wednesday, March 4, in G-101 from 7-8:30pm.

g. Urban Planning, Transportation, and Sustainability Panel: Monday, March 9, from 11:10am to 12:35pm in the Avanza Center (2nd floor of the student services building, I4-203). Hear from professionals on climate action planning, the City of San Diego environmental services department, and more.

h. Campus Planning: Wednesday, March 11, from 11:10am to 12:35pm in SB-106. Hear from an architect working on Mesa's campus plan. How do you envision the campus to change in the next 10 years? How can we be more sustainable?

i. Canyon Day & Canyon Classroom: Saturday, April 11. Clean-up from 8am to 11:30am in Tecolote Canyon (meet at the student services parking lot). Canyon Classroom from 9:30am to 11:30am at the TerraMesa garden. Learn more at <https://www.sdmesa.edu/campus-life/canyon-day/index.shtml>

## 7. Open Forum

- MCRC Planning Group, effort to get more than math and science presentations. Environmental Sustainability is the theme of the conference.
- Pure Water San Diego presentations.
- President's Breakfast is a report out.

Next ESC meeting: Friday, March 20, 2-3:30pm in A-104

Remaining Spring 2020 meeting dates: April 17, May 22