

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

August 30, 2019

2-3:30 p.m.

A-104

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

Attendees: Beth Cain, Waverly Ray, Roger Gallegos, Michelle Rodriguez, Dean Leavitt, Daniela Bruckman, Nancy Cortés, Allan Schougaard

Regrets: Paige Connell, Scott Starbuck

[add members officially through Eskew]

2. Campus Sustainability links to Administration

a. Presentation to PCAB on Tuesday, September 3, at 2pm in MC-211.

- Vision for 2019-2020 academic year.

[Waverly will present. Open invitation to other members.]

b. Inclusion in the Administrative Services program review.

- BARC requests for Sustainability Tracking system, trail costs, compost hub costs, additional water bottle filling stations, etc.

[Suggestion for presentation about energy use and solar panel impact on campus. Also question about whether tracking and membership in aashe would be district or college level. Also, suggestion of proposing the tracking system as a way to provide data to masterplan. What about local funding? Calrecycle has a grant coming out and Waverly is paying attention to it. Perhaps meet with Krista Stellmacher and reapply for foundation grant?]

[Waverly described the composting program and the question about upcoming funding after Food-2-soil and campus funds changes.]

[On first goal: suggestion to increase contact with shared governance to improve practices (examples-single use plastics, polyester fleece) : newsletter, column in campus newspaper, email, signage improvements (only need one paper towel, save your heart/walk a flight....)]

[On second goal – push for campus policy that campus vendors use certain kinds of packaging. Also suggestion to make sure we have input into design of new quad in front of BT building – waterwise.]

[on third goal – contests, speaker series – maybe something about Amazon, maybe request Humanities funding]

[On fourth goal. Ron discussed trail plans and his meetings with city and Kearny Rec. City has plans underway. Suggestion to finalize our preferences and put request into program review. Environmental review, including gnat catcher and yerba santa will be important. Maybe Mark Berninger from the city can provide a statement. Question- approval from city or college? Tentative approval from the city for the trail, but we need college approval. Maintenance, via partnership with city parks, to make sure trails stay clear. Trails will be useful to those teaching biology.

[Updates: add #4 partnership with audubon and CNPS to native plant garden by P-100. September 15 is the date.]

3. Committee Goals and Projects

a. Mesa trail (Sandvick)

- In partnership with City of San Diego.

b. Native plant garden installation (Ray)

- In partnership with the Audubon Society and Native Plant Society, scheduled for 9:30am to 1:30pm on Sunday, September 15, by the P100 building on Marlesta Drive.

c. Climate Change Action

d. Fall Sustainability event

- Perhaps zero waste/social media challenge.

4. Meeting Scheduling for Fall 2019

a. Need additional dates?

September 20

October 4

October 18

November 15

December 13

[other members: looking for AS member and bookstore rep]

5. Open Forum

[suggestion: meatless Mondays in the cafeteria?]

[Art gallery]

[recycling bins signage with photos]

TerraMesa, 5pm in B-106 (Tuesday, 9/3)

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