

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

October 18, 2019

2-3:30 p.m.

A-104

Present: Leslie Seiger, Dean Leavitt, Gerry Vanderpot, Michelle Rodriguez, Nancy Cortes, Paige Connell, Ron Sandvick

Agenda (hard-copies will not be printed for the meeting)

1. Introductions

2. Debrief on Climate Change Awareness/Action on Thursday, October 17

- a. How to improve effectiveness?
- b. Schedule Thursday, November 21? Same topic or different?
- c. Use signupgenius instead?

Michelle was there alone; it was not very effective. The purpose was not clear. Table this discussion and bring to TerraMesa.

2. Committee structure

a. Bylaws to clarify committee procedures

1. Officer elections

- When held?
- Positions? (Co-Chairs, Secretary, Subcommittee Chairs, ?)

Michelle was unable to find any old bylaws.

2. New members

- Faculty
- Classified Professionals
- Administrators
- Students

3. Meeting procedure (e.g., Robert's Rules suspended)

4. Sub-committees?

Discuss next meeting when Waverly and Ron are here. Ron arrived and reported that there will be a meeting November 20 to vote on approval. Tecolote Canyon Citizens' Advisory Committee is changing location of intersection; difficulty with approval of extension on south side at Trailhead3. Dean is working on letters of support from nonMesa partners.

- Trail (Ron, Dean)
- Energy Efficiency (Sam)
- Transportation (Michelle?) yes

Incorporate Mesa into trolley planning; Balboa station to open late 2021. Clairemont Planning council has a proposed bus route; we should have a presence to ensure Mesa is covered. Questions include where are our students coming from? Would they use the trolley? How do we coordinate with administration? Michelle and Ron on SC – we can get student zip codes. Get the meeting schedule so we can plan to attend.

5. Annual review of goals

6. ?

b. Review goals

1. Raise awareness of environmental issues on campus and in the wider area.
2. Identify, promote and support initiatives that promote sustainability on campus.
3. Sponsor campus events and activities that support sustainability.
4. Promote interdisciplinary cooperation and inclusion of sustainability topics into the curriculum.
5. Help students identify "Green" career paths.

2. Upcoming events

a. PCAB Presentation? [Waverly](#)

b. Film and discussion for STEM Lecture Series from 7-9pm on Thursday, December 5

1. Students will choose from Before the Flood, Chasing Ice, Seed: An Untold Story, or Sea of Shadows.
2. Who will facilitate discussion? [Paige and Waverly will coordinate with TerraMesa at the meeting Oct 30 in B106 \(IRL\)](#)

3. Committee Goals and Projects

a. New Business

1. Campus and committee role in trolley planning
2. Inclusion of campus sustainability in Program Review [Facilities](#)

- Food2Soil Composting
- Mesa Trail creation [Leslie & Dean to contact Waverly re: Biology should include statement of need. Lang – need \\$ for bridge, generalize across campus, put in master plan. Ron has a contact with a trailmaking expert and a person who can provide biological approval.](#)
- STARS Sustainability Tracking System
- ?

b. Old Business

1. Fall Sustainability challenge [discussed who used it over semester](#)
2. Meatless Mondays [Nancy – cafeteria already has items, trying to market them, need help promoting](#)
3. Campus signage [Sam?](#)
 - To encourage stairs instead of elevators.
 - To recycle properly.
4. Campus sustainability survey [Nancy – next meeting](#)
 - Example surveys available at bit.ly/csresources2019
5. Energy conservation [Waverly/Dave](#)
 - 72 degrees is considered the "ideal" temperature.
 - If outdoor temperature is higher than 75 degrees, keep the classrooms temperatures around 75 degrees.

- If the outdoor temperature is between 69 and 75 degrees, don't heat or cool the classrooms.
- If outdoor temperature is lower than 69 degrees, keep the classrooms temperatures around 69 degrees.
- During nights and weekends, don't heat or cool the classrooms.

6. Recommendations for Mesa Quad landscaping

7. Carpooling

- Need to schedule meeting with Dean Miller/AS (or is this on hold?) [Beth? Uber pool for Mesa?](#)

8. Humanities Institute funding for Earth Day/Month/Year. Applications due October 30.

4. Open Forum

[develop Mesa climate app](#)

[surcharge on bottled drinks – look at campus purchasing policy](#)

[Paige – getting a discount for reusable cups; discuss next time \(this was done at Mesa in past\)](#)

[plants for quad; Dean will forward his information \(done\); discussed native plant status and agreed we should have a list of appropriate plants at the ready for future landscaping](#)

5. Review of Action Items

Next ESC meeting: Friday, November 15, 2-3:30pm in A-104

Next TerraMesa meeting: 4pm on Wednesday, October 30, in B-106 (Innovation Research Lab). Pizza will be served. RSVP to info@terramesa.org.