

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

November 15, 2019

2-3:30 p.m.

SB-110

Minutes

1. Introductions

Attendees: Gerry Vanderpot, Sam Lee, Scott Starbuck, Michelle Rodriguez, Waverly Ray, Allan Schougaard, Paige Hu, Daniela Bruckman

Regrets: Dean Leavitt, Nancy Cortés, Leslie Seiger, Beth Cain

2. Committee structure

a. Bylaws to clarify committee procedures

1. Officer elections

- When held? Spring for Fall semester, one year terms
- Positions? (Co-Chairs, Secretary, Webmaster, Subcommittee Chairs, ?)

2. New members: where to recruit, committee member requirements (need notification for missed meetings, more than three contiguous missed meetings withdraws from committee)

- Faculty
- Classified Professionals
- Administrators
- Students

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

4. Sub-committees

- Trail (Ron, Dean)
- Energy Efficiency (Sam)
- Transportation (Michelle)
- Landscaping (Gerry, Dean?)
- Climate Conversations (Scott)

5. Annual review of goals in preparation for Institutional Effectiveness report in Spring semester.

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.

3. Sub-committee Reports

a. Trail (Ron): New map, Tecolote Citizens Committee will review it next Wednesday, Ben Stone will help design the trail.

- b. Energy efficiency: Waverly will meet with Dave to ask about room temperatures.
Sam went to AS for support on the slogans for the stairs campaign. Poster designs in progress. LRC and MS elevator signage first. LRC approval provided. Sam will seek Dean Topham's approval. Waverly will confirm with Dave that it's approved.
- c. Transportation (Michelle): 12/7 workshop. Vision Builder Challenge. Michelle to contact VP Legaspi.

4. Upcoming events

- a. PCAB Presentation. Tabled.
- b. Before the Flood film and discussion for STEM Lecture Series from 7-9pm on Thursday, December 5. Waverly to contact Quin for flyers. Paige to facilitate with students.

3. Committee Goals and Projects

a. Old Business

1. Inclusion of campus sustainability in Program Review

- Food2Soil Composting
- Mesa Trail creation
- STARS Sustainability Tracking System
- ?

Waverly to reach out to Jacqueline.

2. Fall Sustainability challenge

- Michelle used it, students liked it.
- Will share in Earth Day announcement for campus.
- notice about turning off computers over break.

3. Meatless Mondays: tabled.

4. Campus signage

- To encourage stairs instead of elevators. See above.
- To recycle properly. TerraMesa should be working on it.

5. Campus sustainability survey: tabled.

- Example surveys available at bit.ly/csresources2019

6. Energy conservation: See above.

- 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.

7. Recommendations for Mesa Quad landscaping: See above.

8. Campus purchasing policy re: surcharge on bottled drinks and discount for reusable cups. Need subcommittee? Resource conservation? Paige. cf. rubberbands.

9. Mesa climate app: Points for pro-environmental behaviors. Ron will ask librarians for climate apps.

10. Humanities Institute grant

- Earth Day on Tuesday? Waverly to contact Jacqueline. Before Balboa Park event? Michelle submitted request from Humanities Institute. Gallery will be available for student work.

11. Mesa Foundation grants

- Waverly submitted for AASHE membership/STARS access
- And for garden signage

4. Open Forum

- a. Waverly will ask about having vegetables outside Mesa Commons. Will add fruit trees for landscaping subcommittee.

- b. Sycamores – attempt to save (2 look not so good, 1 looks good).

5. Review of Action Items

See above.

Next ESC meeting: Friday, December 13, 2-3:30pm in A-104