**Chancellor’s Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**10/6 (Tuesday) 2:00-3:30, 5123 Cheadle Hall**

**Introductions (2:00-2:10)**

**Committee members:** Marc Fisher, Bruce Tiffney, David Auston, Kum-Kum Bhavnani, Bill Shelor, Maximillian Stiefel, Gabby Asuza

**Other attendees:** Shelly Leachman, Mo Lovegreen, Katie Maynard, Corry Ellis, Matt O’Carroll, Sara, Jordan Sager, Gabriel Asuza, Marc Fisher, John Foran, Samantha S. Rubin

**Absent voting members:** Igor Mezic,Alex Regan**,** Roland Geyer**,** Mel Manalis**,** Mark Brzezinski**,** Britt Ortiz**,** Constance Penley**,** Denise Stephens**,**

**Announcements (2:10-2:25):**

The Faculty Climate Champion is Gretchen Hoffman

Faculty Co-Leaders for Curriculum Workshops

* Ken Hiltner
* Josh Schimel

The CNI Fellows:

* Robert Holland
* Colleen McCamy
* Max Stiefel (continuing from last year)

The GFI Fellows:

* Nancy Yang
* Maile Hartsook
* Jessica Alvarez-Parfrey
* Genesis Gilroy

The fifth annual Central Coast Sustainability Summit will take place October 14th

PPA Status (Jordan Sager)

* Currently working on contract negations. As of this week we have insurance terms worked out. A final decision will be reached in the next month. The project will save the campus an estimated $270k during its first year of operations. 5MG of solar over 6 different sites. Over the course of the year it will cover about 10% of our electricity use.

Policy Revisions voted upon at the annual Steering committee meeting:

* Green Building Policy --- Green building part sent back to committee for re- right. Energy benchmark part went through.
* Transportation policy – Approved.
* Water Policy – 35 present reduction from 3-year baseline to 2025 and new single pass cooling system banned.

**Presentations (2:25-3:10):**

1. **Budget Update - Mo**

The 15/16 budget has been approved

1. **Summer Report Recap**

**Water (Matt O’Carroll):**

* Overall 30% reduction since 11/12. We are looking at a few big projects like plumbing cooling towers with recycled water. UCSB has already achieved the UC goals and we are only 3% away from the proposed new water policy goal. UCSB also adopted an immediate goal to align with Governors goal. GWD assigned a 12% reduction target which we voluntarily adopted.

**Waste (Matt O’Carroll):**

* UCSB is doing pretty well with waste diversion however we have hit a Plato. We are now looking at upstream solutions and different metric for measuring progress such as total waste generated per person.

**Food (Katie Maynard):**

* The 2014-2015 sustainable food procurement assessment for the UCSB Dining Commons calculated 35% sustainable food purchases. 37% of produce purchases were grown within 150 miles of campus. Additionally, we were able to purchase 30% organic produce.
* We launched the Edible Campus Program through a coalition of UCSB Sustainability, Associated Students Food Bank, and the Department of Public Worms.
* Working with alumni associations to set up tree dedications instead bench dedications.
* Identified a potential student farm site and we are now in small committees review. As early as spring we might get break ground at the sight a located by South hall.

**Energy (Jordan Sager)**:

* Total campus electricity consumption during 2014/2015 decreased by 0.7% as compared to the year prior.
* Electricity use per square foot has reduced by 39% over the past 10‐year timeframe.
* Natural gas usage per square foot has been reduced by 54% over the past 10‐year timeframe.
* Total natural gas usage decreased by 16% in 2014/2015 as compared to the prior year.
* Housing has a solar thermal project in same phase as the facilities PPA that will offset a significant amount of the energy costs for the Channel Islands res halls. --- Rate that housing pays for gas is different from our PPA, they will pay 30% less then the heat cost for that month.
* CHESC best practice award – Best practice in monitor based commissioning for energy efficiency for our chiller plant automation which tells each of the chillers when to run and at what capacity.

**Transportation (Mo Lovegreen):**

* 61% of staff and faculty drive single occupancy vehicles.
1. **Corrie Ellis’ Summer Research on diversity and inclusive organizing in sustainability & climate work (Chancellor’s Sustainability Graduate Research Program)**
* This summer, I conducted 28 “conversations with a purpose” covering 6 themes: work as an activist, pathways into activism (motivation), how activism interacts with other areas of life, diversity (sustainability), gender, and the future.
* Findings: wide awareness of UCSB sustainability but individuals thought that UCSB Sustainability lacked the social aspect. And that environmental groups on campus lack diversity
* General recommendation:
	+ Need to work towards making social equity a core part of sustainability efforts. What happens to the planet, happens to people.
	+ Incorporate into messaging social justice effects.
	+ Need to add the “why” to sustainability project and advertisement.
1. **Cool Campus Challenge presentation - how it works demo**

**CSC Subcommittees (3:10-3:15):**

1. **Sustainability Structure for 15/16 and committee membership (Mo and Bruce)**
* A request was made for more student and faculty participants in these committees.
* A call will go out through the academic senate
* John Foran volunteered to co-chair the energy and climate committee.

**Committee Reports (3:15-3:30):**

a) Academic Senate Sustainability Work Group\*

* SWG will be continuing its GE requirements campaign this year and has hired a new student to help, Amanda Cantoya.

d)    Coordination\* -- hosting conference on October 26th and 27th at UCSD. If anyone would like to attend let David Auston know.

* President of SCE will be presenting on Nov 2nd about where California is going.
* Food initiative funding cycle changed, it is more of a free for all.