

CSC Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 13 · 10:00 – 11:30am

Attendance: Garry Mac Pherson , Katie Maynard, Jewel Persad, Sarah Siedschlag, Cali Pflieger, Renee Bahl, Gildas Halle, Eve Sanford, Melody Jue, Julie Hendricks , Andrew Riley, Roland Geyer, Kristin Antelman, Jamie Wheat, Kat Lane, Ken Hiltner , Mark Rousseau , Krista Fritzen,

Open Forum/Introductions (10:00 - 10:05):

- Public Forum Comments - no comments

Announcements (10:05 - 10:09):

- National Tech Equity and Zero Waste Month - Participate in **Make It Last, a month of** Caring and repairing Events:
 - 1/18/2023 - Basic Needs: Tech Resources Hosted by UCSB Thrive-Tabling about all the basic needs tech resources available to students
 - 1/19/2023 - Reducing E-Waste Documentary Hosted by ZWC
 - 1/24/2023 - Sustainable Dye Workshop Hosted by the Edible Campus Program
 - 1/27/2023 - Accessibility
 - 1/26/2023 - What Is E-Waste Workshop, E-Waste at UCSB Hosted by ASR
 - 1/27/2023 - Repair Guide Workshop Hosted by STRI
- E-bike Awareness Day - State Street at De La Guerra - 5:00pm - 8:00pm, January 19th - Jewel Persad
- TGIF Call for proposals due February 3rd

Approve Meeting [Min. from November](#) (10:09 - 10:10): - Approved

Updates (10:10 - 10:20):

- A. Sustainability Director Update - Katie Maynard
 - a. Applying for our first grant on our own this month with the Department of Water Resources! The Focus of the grant is landscaping projects for HDAE
 - b. Secured \$200,000 for a grant on better understanding basic needs in the AAPI student community. Developing an advisor board now that will advise basic needs programs.
 - c. Completed the transition of all but a few staff over to the new department code. Now we can focus on expanding services.
 - d. Early feedback from Student Affairs leadership is that we are well on our way to a space commitment in the Sustainability Department. Options have been identified and are going through prioritization. On track for space confirmation by March.

Presentation and Discussion (10:20 - 11:20):

A. UC Wide Sustainable Practices Policy Recommendations - Katie Maynard & Jewel Persad

a. [Draft Proposed Climate Policy Language](#)

Discussion/comments:

- Highlighting the benefit of moving away from offsets
- Scope 3: We should be advocating for the creation of more affordable housing (grad student population is having to move far away).
- We have good data on commuting and business travel emissions
 - Should there be system requirements for remote conferencing
 - Looking at developing local guidelines for teleconferencing

Zoom Chat:

“Drake’s priority of “growing and diversifying graduate students” seems like it would also increase the # of long distance commuters unless we can increase affordable housing access closer to campus.”

“Couldn't agree more with the comment above. The biggest determinant of how sustainably you can commute to campus is directly related to how close to campus you live. Especially when we're talking about vehicle miles traveled.”

“I think we need to be sensitive to the potential impact that restricting travel will have on faculty research, and also their career advancement. This article is related to California’s travel ban to 23 states (a different issue) but features a UCSB faculty member:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/26/opinion/travel-bans-academic-freedom.html>”

- In 2015 Professor Hiltner took fly less challenge, and his dean noted his reduction in conference attendance. We need alternatives. Hiltner is recommending an Advisory memo on weighting in person vs virtual conferences. We get a set amount of conferencing funding, could reuse conference funding for research and attend conferences remotely?
- How do we address sustainability and basic needs goals?
 - Became an HMA Entry point which now makes us eligible for housing grants. We are currently mapping out HUD grants. SBCAG grants main priority is to choose transportation grants related to housing.

b. UC Wide General Sustainability Performance Policy

Proposed policy update - All campuses must achieve a Gold rating and strive for Platinum. UCSB has achieved gold the last 3 times we

submitted. We do not think we can achieve Platinum but are okay with policy language with the “Strive” language.

- c. UC Wide DEIJ Policy - proposal to create a 13th chapter on DEIJ

The University will:

- Complete a DEIJ assessment of the existing sustainability policy that is responsive to local community needs and requests and identifies what is missing in the existing policy as well as what language or goals could be changed to be more community responsive.
- Develop goals that incorporate principles of anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion into specific areas of this Policy, as appropriate, by 2025.
- Include a DEI/J impact analysis as part of any addition to or revision of this Policy.
- Added definitions for Anti-racism, Climate Justice, Diversity, Environmental Justice, Equity, and Inclusion to policy

These requirements are for UC systemwide policy updates

- d. Proposed UC water policy language

**Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
construction certification: Water Credits**

- **Policy Change:** All new building projects will achieve at least five points within the available credits in LEED-BD+C’s Water Efficiency + Sustainable Sites: Rainwater Management categories
- Water Recycling & Stormwater - **New Construction:** All new construction and major renovation projects are required to include water recycling or stormwater reuse evaluations, which can result in actionable scope. All evaluations must be integrated with stormwater management and district recycled water master plans. Projects must specify criteria to include water recycling or stormwater collection and reuse in project scope, and provide a justification to the UCOP Director of Design and Construction if not including such criteria.
- Water Recycling & Stormwater - **Existing Campus:** By 2025, campuses and Academic Health Centers will initiate new water reuse feasibility evaluations of the existing location, as defined in the Long-Range Development Plan, or have an existing on-going program to develop water recycling and stormwater reuse projects. Evaluations must result in an actionable project concept, and show water savings related to campus total consumption in the Water Action Plan. The minimum requirement is to perform an evaluation of water recycling or stormwater reuse on campus at any scale, such as: building, district, campus, watershed, sewer system. The evaluation can be performed by staff, consultants, faculty or

■ **Water Health & Equity proposed policy:**

1. UC Water Working Group, in collaboration with the UC Healthy Campus Network, will use the UC Healthy Beverage Initiative mapping to identify an evidence-based baseline by 2025, and propose a goal to increase the ratio of bottle filling stations as a percentage of water fountains and campus population. The proposal will include guidelines for drinking water access and identifying deficiencies in drinking water access, including consideration of increased drinking water demand during heat wave events.
2. Drinking water access cannot be met with single use bottled water, or non-plumbed water dispensers, such as bottled water delivery, which have adverse environmental impacts, such as plastic waste and greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Every Major Capital Project with a project budget greater than \$5 million shall include bottle fillers at each drinking fountain required by the building code in compliance with ADA requirements.

B. CSC Mission Statement - Katie Maynard

Goals for today:

- To provide guidance and direction to the committee staff (Jewel and Katie) which they can use to develop a revised draft mission statement.
- We will not be voting on a mission statement today or wordsmithing.
- Our focus will be on developing a revised mission statement for the Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee. Though this committee works closely with the Campus Sustainability Department, the mission statements for the committee and department will remain independent.

Current Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee "Board Charge"

- The Chancellor's Sustainability Committee advises the Chancellor and campus administrators on matters of campus sustainability, makes recommendations on sustainability initiatives, helps prioritize and monitor the execution and progress of the campus sustainability plan toward our goals, makes recommendations on allocations of available funding resources, and provides guidance in the creation and fostering of alliances.

UCSB Sustainability Department Mission and Vision

- Mission - The University of California, Santa Barbara is committed to global leadership for sustainability through education, research, and action.
- Vision Statement - At the University of California, Santa Barbara, we envision a future where we have little to no impact on the environment, and everyone is engaged in sustainability. We are committed to fostering a culture of sustainability through campus-wide sustainability efforts, program development, and promulgating the sustainability work of staff, faculty, and students – our greatest

renewable resource. UCSB strives to capitalize on our position as an institution of higher education to ensure that all students understand the interconnectedness of environmental, economic, and social systems and to communicate that we each have a role to play in sustainability.

More specifically, we aim to research, create, and implement solutions for a more sustainable future. We want all students graduating from UCSB to be motivated to integrate sustainability into their future professions, embedding sustainability throughout the workforce. We envision that all members of our campus community will have access to healthy foods and lifestyles and will be able to meet their needs today and in the future with minimal impact on the needs of others. Finally, UC Santa Barbara continues to seek to do business with companies that are integrating sustainability into their strategic planning and operations, as well as assisting their workers in meeting their own needs. Thus, we believe that building sustainable partnerships will result in a stronger local economy.

In order to achieve this vision, UC Santa Barbara continues to prioritize and monitor the implementation and progress of its sustainability initiatives. We encourage and coordinate the efforts of our faculty, staff, and students who are the front line of positive change by taking action today for a better tomorrow. By working with all sectors of the campus community, we look forward to helping UCSB maintain its leadership and attain its shared vision of a sustainable future.

UCSB Sustainability plan integrates DEIJ into each chapter.

Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee

- Campus Sustainability Department
- Partner Network (departments, organizations and programs that have some sustainability programming or staffing, but aren't necessarily listed above)

Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee makeup

- 17 members, 2 advisors, 4 consultants to the committee (these are all UCSB staff)
- Ability to directly advise the Chancellor on matters of sustainability

UCSB Sustainability Department

- 1 Director, 1 Financial Analyst (purchasing, payroll, financial work on grants, etc), 1 CalFresh and Basic Needs Communications Staff member (funded via USDA)
- Large student intern base (mostly funded by grants, though also partially supported with the core budget)
- Core budget that covers permanent staff, minimal fees/certifications (Climate Registry, AASHE, etc), and a small intern and operations budget

Staff external to UCSB Sustainability Department

- Roughly 12 Sustainability Staff outside of UCSB Sustainability Department (Jewel Persad, Jordan Sager, Matthew O'Carroll, Mark Rousseau, Eve Sanford,

Danielle Sinclair, Andrew Riley, Sarah Siedschlag, Katee Gustavson, Marla Greer, Adam Jahnke, and a procurement position soon to be filled)

Shared other UC Sustainable Committee mission statement (UCB, UCD, UCSD)

Discussion:

- The missions should be to add a positive impact to the environment, not just focus on little or no impact.

Whiteboard Activity Prompts which we will save for our next meeting

- What are the components of a sustainable campus?
- What knowledge, experience and strengths does the CSC hold?
- What other departments, programs, organizations and individuals are working on sustainability on campus or in our local community?
 - (This is not meant to be exhaustive, but instead to get us thinking about the broader context of our work)
- What gap(s) does the CSC fill or can fill?

We need a mission statement that highlights interconnectedness of sustainability. Problem with the mission statements we have reviewed is that they use names like “Man made”

Other Updates (11:20 - 11:30):

- UCSB Reads selected Happy Cities for this year - <https://www.library.ucsb.edu/ucsbreads>
 - Opportunities for faculty to include in curriculum
 - Book give away in a couple weeks
 - Speaker event in April
- Cali
 - Working with Bren group on pilot program on leaf litter confetti for graduation - submitted a coastal fund proposal