

CSC Meeting minutes

Wednesday, October 5 1:30 – 3:00pm

Attendees: Jewel Persad, Katie Maynard, Gildas Hall, Renee Bahl, Garry Mac Pherson, Cali Pflieger, Charles Lestor, Jacob Godfrey, Ken Hiltner, Krista, Samantha Sugita, Sarah Siedschlag, Susannah Scott, Visala Tallavarjula, Melody Jue, Carissa Garcia, Shari Hammond, Julie Hendricks

Open Forum/Introductions (1:30 - 1:35):

- Public Forum Comments - no comments
- New Members - Carissa Garcia (EAB), Visala Tallavarjula (EJA), Samantha Sugita (AS)
- New Interim Co-Chair - Ken Hiltner will be stepping in as the interim co-chair while David Lea is on sabbatical
- Call for Faculty Representative nominations - due October 14
 - [Membership policy](#)
 - Two vacant seats - Please send nominations to Jewel Persad by October 14th, the CSC Co-Chairs will review and make a recommendation to the chancellor.

Announcements (1:35 - 1:40):

- A. Central Coast Sustainability Summit - October 19th

Updates (1:40 - 1:54): -

- A. Annual Sustainability Report Highlights
- In 2021, UCSB decreased its total greenhouse gas emissions by 19%, about 5,500 MTCO₂e, from 2021.
 - UCSB NRS Directors partnered with the UCSB PACES program to conduct a Sustainability Assessment of the seven UCSB Natural Reserves. The team has developed a list of prioritized projects and a matching list of potential grants that could fund those projects. During the year, the team also submitted a grant to the campus' Green Initiative Fund (TGIF), and secured an additional grant for electrification of landscaping equipment at Coal Oil Point Reserve.
 - UC Santa Barbara began construction of the new Interactive Learning Pavilion, which is on track to be the campus' first major all-electric building.
 - UC Santa Barbara partnered with the Isla Vista Community Services District on a California Air Resources Board funded grant project to complete a transportation equity and mobility needs assessment in the Isla Vista region.
 - In Spring, the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) fee was reaffirmed with 84.8% of the vote, showing how supportive our students are of improving the sustainability of our campus and the work of the TGIF Board.

Plan for our annual report - combining UC wide report and leaning on it for

metrics with a Director's letter.

B. CSC Topics for the 2022/2023 Academic Year

- Fall Quarter
 - Sea level rise adaptation strategy - encourage community feedback
 - Commuter and business travel GHG emissions (Scope 3), continuing to make progress post-covid
 - Staying informed on changes to organic waste management and recycling guidelines
 - Review and provide feedback on proposed updates the the UC-Wide Sustainable Practices Policy
 - Implementation of the UC Sustainability Officers Statement on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion and what CSC can do to support this
- Winter Quarter
 - Annual sustainability report & Director's letter
 - Continue work on Scope 3 emissions kicked off during Fall Quarter
 - Revise the CSC mission statement
 - Provide feedback to Bren Housing, Dining, and Auxiliary (HDAE) Enterprises Electrification group project
- Spring Quarter
 - Second opportunity to provide feedback on proposed updates the the UC-Wide Sustainable Practices Policy
 - Review HDAE Electrification group project report
 - Continue to work on CSC the mission statement
 - Set shared committee goals for 2023/2024 and provide feedback to Director on the program goals

C. Director Update: Sustainability Department Transition Update

Will be updating the CSC on a more regular basis on the sustainability program itself. Updates from the summer include:

- Listening tour (began in summer, ongoing)
- Moved to Enrollment Services
- Establishment as a stand-alone department within an administrative cluster
- Consolidating finances into one department/division
- Setting up our accounting/financial systems while blending the best practices from Geography and Student Affairs
- Developing and expanding fundraising capacity
 - Enrollment services weren't set up to accept grants, we are in conversation right now to create structures to accept and receive grants. We also hope this will be a way we can help support partners on campus.

Approve Meeting Min. from May(1:54 - 1:55): - no comments, approved

Presentation and Discussion (1:55 - 2:55):

A. Telecommuting/Flexwork

- a. Overview
 - i. During covid we saw a shift towards remote work and teleconferencing
 - ii. EVC sent out email to academic department chairs “opens new possibilities for productivity, sustainability, and work life balance”
 - b. Overview of commuter SOV rates
 - i. UCSB does well overall largely due to our student population
 - ii. Canceled commuter survey in 2020 and 2021
 - iii. Did complete in 2022
 1. SOV rate decreased substantially in 2022 for staff/faculty, slight increase for students
 2. Commute distance
 - a. Some students moving further away with remote options
 3. Historic Campus Emissions
 - a. Decrease in scope 3 emissions during covid
 - b. Wrapping up verification of now
 - c. Scope 3 now a larger portion of our emissions
 4. Current UC Sustainable Practices policy
- B. Business Travel (Academic & Administrative)
- a. UC systemwide central travel system tracks metrics on air travel
 - b. If folks travel via reimbursement that won't be captured here
 - c. Cost and time savings as well as CO2

Biggest problem we have now in terms of GHG emissions, it is only going to get bigger as we meet operational carbon neutrality goals. With covid, we saw a shift and now almost everyone has the ability to conduct work remotely.

Could we collect data on telecommuting preferences, virtual meetings, teleconferences?

Knowing people's preferences could be helpful. We do have some data on flexwork on telecommuting.

Discussion

- Nationwide preference on telecommute
- Challenge between balance of keeping doors open and lights on and honoring remote work requests
- UCUES survey included questions on student preferences (not publicly available yet)
- Can find job titles throughout the campus that differ in whether they work well remotely. We may have to deal with some of the Equity issues associated with this.
- What can we do as a committee to help with this work?
 - A summary statement which draws conclusions from the data shared would be helpful
 - Leadership on meeting best practices
 - Education
 - Newsletter, presentations

- UCSB current article
 - Incentive students (better stipend for virtual vs alternative)
 - Replace travel budget with remote conference budget
 - It'd be nice for people to know how much of an impact flex/telework has on emissions
- Finance travel in terms of travel grants, how do we offer an option for repurposing travel funds if they do not use them?
- We need more leadership from UCOP on this to set standards for travel
- Opportunity missed if we do not get this message out to the broader campus showing the benefits of this new model (benefits of remote work and teleconference)

C. Draft UC Santa Barbara Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy

- a. Shari Hammond, Interim Director, Campus Planning & Design
- b. Charles Lester Director of the Ocean and Coastal Policy Center, MSI

Charles Lester and Shari Hammond worked with Martin Shumaker and the Coastal Planning Science Advisory Board to develop the plan. This is a requirement from the Coastal commission for the LRDP to update it to address sea level rise and adaptation. The LRDP requires amendments submitted to the LRDP before future housing development at the FM site.

- Sea level rise projections from NOAA depend on our future emissions . Looking at 3 to 6 ft of sea level rise by 2100. The plan assumes 6ft as a worse scenario by 2100
- Take a pathway approach that IPCC has talked about, the approach highlights the level of uncertainty and the need to respond and taking action when we see triggers
- Vision - making a commitment to maximizing shoreline, not armoring and accommodating sea level rise.
- The plan is broken out by area, the scope doesn't deal with IV specifically
 - Area 1 - COPR and NCOS: the approach is to monitor change and maximizing ecological benefits. Most of the plan relies on COMSOs for coastal erosion.
 - Area 2 - west campus bluffs: Strategy - removing COPR buildings subject to erosion, move back public access as necessary.
 - Area 3 - Depression beach and campus point & Lagoon: The campus will need to back public access along the lagoon. We will need to come up with a plan to transfer the lagoon from a closed system to an open system.
 - Questions: Why do we not see tribal consultation listed in the near-term?
 - We should probably better highlight in the plan that this is an ongoing consultation process.
 - Area 4 - east bluffs: We see high eroding cliffs and a lot of infrastructure that could be impacted. Pinch point near anacapa hall, plan says we need to keep looking at utilities, buildings, and roads. The plan lays a path for retreating.

- Area 5 - Goleta Slough and stroke campus: There are some concerns over long run around facilities management. We may experience surfacing of groundwater at the FM site and there are flooding concerns at Storke Family Housing.

There are concerns around main access to campus and connectivity to the community. The plan has a number of amendments to incorporate it into the LRDP. When we amend the LRDP there will be a 6 week public comment period with a public hearing. Shari can give this group the plan and they can send comments now.

Other Updates (2:55 - 3:00): None