Chancellor's Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 30th, 10:00 – 11:30 am
In Person
McCune Conference Room-6020 HSSB

Attendance:

Voting members:

Renee Bahl, Melody Ju, Jennifer King, Ken Hiltner, Cali P., Kristen Antleman, Leanne Ly (EAB), Garry Mac Pherson

Advisors/committee staff:

Katie Maynard, Jewel Persad

Public:

Jake, CalPIRG

Notes:

Open Forum/Introductions (10:00 - 10:02)**:**

- Public Forum Comments

Welcome New Members (10:02 - 10:03)

- Bella Ponce, Leanne Ly, Jahlia Layton, Luna Santiago

Announcements (10:03 - 10:08):

- Co-Chair Announcement - Ken & Renée
  - David went on sabbatical last year and Ken Hiltner covered as Interim Co-Chair last year. David returned from sabbatical but has decided not to re-join CSC.
  - Ken Hiltner was officially selected as Co-Chair of the CSC and is no longer interim Co-Chair.

- Interactive Learning Pavilion (ILP) (LEED GOLD) - Renée Bahl
  - ILP is fully open now.
  - Secured LEED GOLD certification
  - Over 90% renewable energy on our grid and this is an all-electric building and so this is a Net Zero Energy and Net Zero Carbon building.
- TGIF Letter of Intent (LOI) due Nov 13th - Jewel
  - Optional, but encouraged
  - Only a single page and a good chance to get feedback from the committee

Approve Meeting Min. from May (10:08 - 10:09):

- Approved!

Updates (10:09 - 10:20):

A. Decarbonization Project Study Update - Renée Bahl
   a. Plan to get to decarbonization
   b. $1 million to accomplish
   c. Chancellor put together a committee
   d. Have a year to put together the plan
   e. Great kick off event last week that was well attended
   f. Goals of the plan (see the slides)
      i. 90% or greater reduction in Scope 1 emissions
      ii. High level total capital and operating costs and savings
      iii. Environmental justice and equity considerations
         1. Workshop tomorrow to start exploring this
      iv. Identify knowledge gaps to become net-zero
      v. Climate resiliency considerations
         1. Workshop in November on this
   g. Contact for the team/public email: decarb@ucsb.edu
   h. Working on a public website for the initiative
      i. Recording will go out with the website launch
   i. Will have some construction impacts on campus, but balanced with leadership work on climate change!
   j. On Saturday, Dr. Suzanna Scott was able to present this to the Trustees and she did an amazing job! Lots of trustees excited about the project.
   k. Questions/comments:
      i. Jake: Asked about input from the public. What are the criteria for being a part of the smaller 15 person

workshops? Can CalPIRG join these?
1. We tried to reach out to key people on campus
2. Limiting to 15 due to the interactive nature of the events.
3. There will be a larger townhall that anyone can join
B. Sustainability Director Update - Katie Maynard
a. Will people be able to park overnight?
i. At parking lot 22, we would be allowing public overnight parking. At housing locations, it would be limited to people with a housing parking permit. There will be exceptions (such as around Halloween). Nestor Covarrubias was involved in this grant and ensured this met campus guidelines.
ii. Are all parking spaces serving housing? Yes, because that was the scope of the grant.

Presentation and Discussion (10:20 - 11:25):

A. 2022/2023 Annual Reporting Highlights
a. See Jewel's slides
b. Emissions graph
i. Steady stationary consumption
ii. Commuting and air travel have been pretty steady as well with the exception of during COVID
1. Ken flagged this as something we need to work on
iii. Reduction in travel around COVID and then starting to go back up again
iv. Reduction in emissions related to electricity purchases due to clean power program.
c. Transportation data
i. Based on commuter mode split
ii. SOV went back up a little but not as much as pre-covid
iii. People have moved further away
iv. Students are not the issue, students do pretty well. Staff and faculty tend to be the SOV drivers and that is where we need to spend our time.
v. Were we surprised to see so little change in telecommuting between 2018 and 2019
vi. What is statistical accuracy?
1. We don't have a GSR/Faculty budget on this, so we don't have that level of assessment. This is treated

as an administrative survey
- vii. CNI fellows working on further analysis
- viii. How do we support carpooling and vanpooling for students?
  1. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) managed by Eve Sanford, helps arrange and match make for carpooling
  2. TAP also manages the vanpool program
- d. Waste
  - i. Can only recycle plastics 1 and 2, and 5 over a gallon
  - ii. Focusing more on waste reduction due to limits on recycling system
- e. Procurement data
  - i. Focuses only on strategically sourced suppliers
- f. Food data
  - i. COVID has been tough on dining and that has had staffing and budget impacts on them.
  - ii. Heading back up in the numbers.
  - iii. Does this data include food and non-food items?
    1. Just food, but we are also working on single use disposables as well.
  - iv. Why did the data go down during covid?
    1. Sourcing was a big issue
    2. Tight budgets
- B. Goal Setting for CSC for 23- 24
  - a. Scope 3 emissions
    - i. Funding for transportation projects are a challenge
      1. Could parking rates be reconsidered?
      2. UCSB has the lowest parking rate of any UC and even lower than most community colleges
      3. No parking increases in a decade and low increases before that
      4. Challenge that living and working in Santa Barbara is already quite expensive
      5. Could propose a graduated program based on income?
      6. Currently a lot of projects depend on student lock-in fees for funding (AS BIKES lock-in)
    - ii. External grant applications
      1. Example REACH 2.0 grant submitted this summer

iii. Bike cages within parking structures
iv. How do we address faculty business travel?
1. Faculty can put in a proposal for a transportation grant annually.
2. Could we shift this so that if a faculty member committed to participate in the conference virtually, they could still receive the transportation grant, but then they could spend that money on non-travel research funding (such as buying a laptop)
3. Cali shared a hesitancy on restricting academic business travel especially for non-STEM departments that really struggle with access to funding
4. Some research has looked at STEM fields where researchers were at times traveling 100k miles a year
5. Shouldn't be shaming
6. The proposal is not to limit the travel, you can use the funds for travel still. However if you don't travel, you could still access the funds for other needs.
7. How do you think through Keynote invitations as those are so important for tenure review?
v. Lot of interest from Library staff in bike lockers and we are adding some in the Library to support our staff
1. This came up in the bike committee as well
2. Did note some challenges with e-bikes being too large for the bike lockers
3. How would we fund this?
vi. There is also an interest in adding showers to the building
1. Would be helpful to have a few strategically located showers around the campus
2. E-bikes help reduce the need for this
a. Many staff can't afford e-bikes though so we need to support e-bike and regular bike riders
3. There is a policy that requires this for new buildings?
a. Does ILP have this? No. Should it have? Will double check the policy guidance but might not have been required since its classroom building and doesn't have many offices.

                Policy is also a guideline rather than hard policy so its not always followed

       b. Katie will resend out the policy

       c. We don't have a good system for existing buildings

vii. E-bike RFP
1. RFP is out UC Systemwide

viii. How are we taking into consideration equitable access for people with disabilities

ix. Storke Road
1. City of Goleta is working on bike infrastructure along this road that will really help
2. Connection points like this are also things we could be doing joint grant applications between the campus and local cities on. Active transportation program grants could be one way to fund these.

x. Is there a conflict between AS Bikes and e-bike users?
1. There is some tension between "analog" bikers and e-bikers broadly speaking. Haven't quantified or collected data on this on campus.
2. AS BIKES hasn't taken a stance.
3. We have seen these tensions in the news around local highschools and in downtown Santa Barbara.
4. SBCAG and MOVE SB are doing trainings at local highschools
5. UCSB Campus Sustainability and UCSB TAP have been focusing on Staff and faculty and in particular long distance commuters. We also train those staff and faculty on not using the e-function when on campus. We have promoted e-bikes to students.
6. Should we add new lanes for e-bikes?

xi. Where does parking ticket funds go?
1. Into Parking and Transportation Services
2. Some of those fees also go to support alternative transportation

xii. Concerns about Transportation Alternatives Program
1. The switch from being able to use an hour or two at a time to having to use all your parking hours in full day amounts limited the value of TAP

xiii. Noticing people sitting in their cars

  xiv. The Wave in soft launch

  xv. Each year the committee can invite speakers

    1. This committee should invite Nestor C. to give an update especially given what is being discussed today

  xvi. Related to air travel, it would be useful to get more information on the distribution of air travel. Is it a small number of faculty/staff or well distributed?

    1. This isn't in our commuter data, but we have some data from Connexus

    2. A lot of travel is paid by external organizations and we wouldn't see that in connexus

  xvii. We could also do more outreach and education around air travel and what that means for your GHG reporting

  xviii. How do we scope?

 b. Tabled for next time:

  i. Strategic planning and Increasing engagement in regional planning efforts

  ii. Education and training

  iii. Other ideas?

Other Updates (11:25 - 11:30):