



Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee

June 8, 2011
2:00-3:30 pm
Ellison Hall 5824



Agenda

1. Minutes – see backside (Bruce)
2. Announcements
 - a. CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference 2011 Awards (Mo)
 - i. Evanne St. Charles Keynote Student Speaker
 - b. TGIF Funding Cycle 2010-11 Awarded Projects (Jasmine)
3. Action
 - a. Recommendation to Include Alternative Transportation in the Proposed Parking Fee Increases
 - b. Recommendation to Address Campus Pool Potable Water Loss
4. Discussion
 - a. Environmental Justice Policy development (Evanne St. Charles)
 - b. LRDP/SUN Update (Marc Fisher)
 - i. SUN Members on CSC: Next Steps Process Discussion (Bruce)
 - c. Feedback on Subcommittee Structure of CSC (Bruce)
 - d. Summer CSC sub-group Meetings (Bruce)
5. Updates
 - a. Subcommittees' progress updates
 - i. Alternative Transportation Subcommittee: (Bruce)
 - ii. Alternative Energy Subcommittee: Energy Goals (Jasmine/Mo)
 - iii. Water Subcommittee: TGIF proposals, gray water, cooling towers (Mo)
 - iv. Communication: (Bill)
 - v. Food: (Sue)
 - b. SB Community Sustainability Event - planning update (Jasmine)
 - c. Status of sustainability policies (Meta Clow)
6. Suggestions/ Feedback

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Present:

Marc Fisher
Henning Bohn
Jasmine Syed
Mo Lovegreen
Bruce Tiffney
Bruce Kendall
Evanne St. Charles
Steffen Gauglitz
Sue Hawkins

1. Minutes were approved as written.
2. Subcommittees' progress updates
 - a. Alternative Transportation Subcommittee
 - i. The Alternative Transportation Subcommittee met twice and is currently drafting a letter to the Chancellor to combine the Parking Rate Payers Board, the Transportation Alternative Program and the Alternative Transportation Subcommittee into one board. The subcommittee feels that by combining campus transportation into a single decision-making body, this will lead to more effective transportation planning and clear up uncertainties about financial streams. This recommendation will be presented to CSC in June.
 - ii. Some committee members felt that rate increases coupled with the abolishment of the Rate Payers Board could be potentially explosive. Parking rates will increase soon regardless of a board leadership in order to pay for new structures. The CSC members felt that the campus, especially the Academic Senate, would have a more favorable reaction to combining the three different bodies if it was done after rates were already increased. If rates increase and the boards are combined at the same time, it will give off the impression that all the rate increases are going towards alternative transportation.
 - iii. The combined board should be a comprehensive transportation rate board analyzing prices of alternative transportation costs, i.e. vanpool and bus fares, in addition to parking rates.
 - b. Alternative Energy Subcommittee:
 - i. Victory springs wind energy: The Chancellor and Mr. Dehlsen are working together on this project. The project is moving forward with the Chancellor, but CSC's involvement is on hold.
 - ii. NCPA meeting: The Northern California Power Agency allows its members to choose which energy sources produce their electricity. After campus representatives met with utility managers and traveled to NCPA headquarters to learn more about the potential benefits to UCSB and the UC system, it has been determined that joining the group would significantly increase our energy costs. For approximately the last eight years the campus pays 10 cents kWh. Moving to a greener portfolio will increase rates to 18 cents kWh.

- iii. If estimates are correct that energy costs will increase 3-4% it would make sense to join the group, which would allow the campus to reach its 2014 and 2020 energy goals, but if energy costs remain flat it will be hard to justify to cost implications.
 - c. Water Subcommittee: the following projects will be applying for TGIF financing this year
 - i. Reclaimed irrigation extension to Psychology
 - ii. Central irrigation control system extension
 - iii. Sprinkler retrofit at West Campus Housing
 - iv. Aerators in 10 LEED Portfolio buildings (reducing the fixtures from 2.2 gallons per minute to .5 gpm)
 - v. Deionized water system runoff collection reservoir and pump at ESB – collecting RO process water before it goes down the drain and pumping it back into the building’s industrial line
 - vi. Campus pool cover – half SEP funding, half TGIF funding; still trying to determine who will be responsible for putting the pool cover on at night and taking it off in the morning
 - d. Communication:
 - i. Fall campaign- PR target visual to represent meeting our target goals in 2014 for waste, water and climate.
 - ii. Brochure- Finished and ordered 5,000 copies. The brochure is intended to be used for a 2 year period and will be included in the freshman orientation packets. A reprint will need to be made in the fall.
 - iii. Website- Planned launch between June and July. The Chancellor’s whiteboard will also be integrated into the website.
 - iv. Message Boards – The campus has eight sustainability message boards that are designated for use by the sustainability program and are currently underutilized. The committee needs to work up visuals for Fall campaign.
 - v. South Coast Sustainability Summit- For its inaugural year, the first summit will be small and focused on peer-to-peer staff perspectives. Governmental bodies include: City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara and City of Carpinteria. The half day event will take place in Loma Pelona on Thursday, October 13.
 - vi. Videoconferencing- Citrix presented their Go-to-Meeting videoconference software. This software is heavily used already on some UC campuses. Volume discounts could apply if used systemwide. Next step- compare with existing contract with Ready Talk. Invite Citrix to do a demonstration of Go-to-Meeting.
 - vii. Fundraising- Once TGIF project funding is finalized, meet with development to find funding for un-funded or partial funded projects. Also, need to discuss future funding for the Sustainability Champion Program.
3. 2012 student referendum for compostable disposable products and forming a Subcommittee on Food
- a. In discussions with Sue Hawkins, Director of UCen Dining, the purchase of compostable disposable products will only increase cost by a few cents. Students are projected to be in support of the small cost increase. Instead of a referendum, the committee suggested that the students could draft a new policy for implementation by the CSC, stipulating a ban on

- Styrofoam along with purchase of disposable products and propose it to the UCen governance board to change contracts with dining outlets on campus.
- b. The committee was in support of creating a CSC Food Subcommittee.
4. Status of sustainability policies
 - a. Currently missing comments from CPC. Next steps- review comments and decide whether the policy should be changed. Meta, Mo, Bruce and Jasmine can review and bring back to the committee.
 - i. Most comments related to the Green Building Policy and Energy Star Procurement. The Senate council has asked for extensive financial analysis and will not be meeting over the summer.
 - b. If there are insignificant changes, the policies will not go back for full review and will only be reviewed by the Chancellor's executive group.
 - c. The committee will suggest a 1 year extension of interim policies to the Chancellor's executive group in order to adequately address the Senate's comments on further financial analysis.
 5. LRDP update- There was no litigation with the EIR because of the extensive SUN agreement.
 6. Survey update
 - a. Results are back from the Sustainability Survey. Data will be presented at the next meeting.
 7. Environmental Justice Policy Development
 - a. The draft policy will be distributed over email for review and comment. The Academic Senate will comment on the proposed policy next Fall.
 8. Academic Senate Work Group on Sustainability
 - a. Still working on G.E requirement in Environment and Sustainability and the Ph.D emphasis. The Department of Geography has agreed to sponsor the latter.