**Chancellor's Sustainability Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 5, 1:00-2:30, 5123 Cheadle Hall**

**Members in attendance:**

**Voting Members**

Mel Manalis, Pam Lombardo, Bruce Tiffany, David Austen, Marc Fisher, Jennifer Suh, Constance Penley, Brett Ortiz, John foran

**Non-voting**

Mo Lovegreen, Jewel Snavely, Bob Wilkinson, Katie Maynard, Matt O’Carroll, Bill Shelor

**Voting members absent:**

Roland Geyer, Mark Brzezinski, Eric Matthys, ignor MEZIC, Paolo Gardinali, Karly Miller, Denise Stephens, Ashley Koide, Dylan Tompkins.

**Introductions:**

During Introductions, Jennifer Suh introduced herself as the new student representative for EAB

**Announcements:**

1. Farmers Market is every Wednesday from 11 to 3pm, parking lot 23.
2. Sustainability Forum is on November 13th from 10-11:30am in Ellison 6824
3. John Foranis heading to the UN Climate Summit with a group of students for 17 days where they will be doing interviews and filming.
4. 150 people attended the Central Coast sustainability summit and most of the talk was focused around Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) with a presentation from Jamie Tucker from marine clean energy on “how to start CCA” best practices. Followed by a panel focused on CCA with over 60 people in attended. When prompted, over half of the panel indicated an interest in continuing to participate in the CCA discussion. Meetings are being scheduled for two of the other big topic items at the summit collaboration to support volunteerism (November 15th) and product stewardship (sometime next month)

**Minutes approval:**

Bruce asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the minutes for June and October minutes. Two people mentioned that they had trouble opening the minutes. Mo indicated that next time they would be sent in a PDF form.

**Motion for approval** was made by David Austen and seconded by Constence Penley. Minutes were approved.

**Presentations/Discussion/Action Item:**

**a)  Annual Report to the Chancellor - Jewel/Mo**

A brief overview of the report was given and a call for feedback was made. No issues or concerns were raised.

**Motion to Approve** was made by Constence Penley, seconded by Mel Manalis.

Report was approved

**b) GM MOU - Jewel/Mo**

Feedback is being sought on the Chevy-GM proposal from the GSA, AS, and the Academic Senate. Katie mentioned that Ashlee Corday is the main contact person for getting the proposal through the associated student’s senate.

**Discussion:**

**Public Relations**

David Auston asked about public relations and the UCs role, Mo responded by saying that we plan on crafting the MOU in way that directly addresses this issue. Mo also indicated that GM understands our limitations and seems to be okay with it.

Constence Penley asked where GM ranks in terms of Green Washing efforts, and if there is such a ranking? John Foran then asked if GM could furnish us with what they are doing on sustainability.

**UBID Tax**

The issue of possible having to pay a UBID tax was brought up by Mo. Mo stated that the MOU can be drafted in such a way as to avoid the tax. For example if the funding goes towards education and research the university can avoid paying the tax.

Katie asked Mo to talk about the funding going to Education and research and Mo responded by saying that a conversation still needs to be had. Katie said that she would like to be apart of the research discussion, John Foran seconded. Bruce mentioned that some of the funding could be used for internships.

**OE Initiative**

Mo, asked Mark for a brief description of the OE initiative workshop and whether he needs any more faculty members.

**Discussion:**

Marc -- many think this is the next step because it gets at Behavior.

Bruce--- Can an announcement to be sent out about the workshop?

Bruce mentioned that to make something like this work we need to dissect out consumption; Marc responded by saying that we are pretty far along on the metering but the project might need to start out as a small pilot.

Katie Mentioned that Sarah Anderson, a Bren professor may be a good representative for the committee.

John Foran asked if we have students on the committee. Marc responded by saying not at this point. He also indicated that it would be better to hold off on seeking student involvement.

David Austen mentioned that it can be expensive to run this kind of program. And that it is also hard to be fair, in terms of campuses that have taken early conservation efforts.

Marc concluded the discussion by stating that, “we have talked about this for a number of years and this is the next step in continuing this process.”

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**a)   Alternative Energy\*** (David- Austen), we have been grabbling to find a way to make a source of funds available for projects with a net savings. A number of private universities have created a fund and most of them have used their endowment. Unfortunately we don’t have a substantial endowment but would like to find a way to start what is being called a Green Revolving Fund (GRF). Through talking with Jordan and Dave McHale we found that there is already a program called SEP which is similar to a Green revolving fund. Another complication is that the UC-system may become its own energy provider. Other complications have to do with the way in which utilities are allocated across campus.

**Discussion**

Marc --- SEP projects might run out some time and having a backup plan will be useful. If we do see a distributive energy model for utilities on campus, part of the funds could go towards a Green Revolving fund.

Mo --- Should we start a conversion about whether funds could be used for a GRF? Would there be restrictions? Marc responded yes.

David Auston --- anyone else had any brilliant ideas for sources of funding, we were originally considering Prop 39.

Katie--- I had a conversations with Matt Sinclair at AASHE and he had indicated that he doesn’t think we will get any Prop 39 funds. David Austen also brought up the fact that auction revenues from AB32 was a possibility but it has been dedicated to disadvantaged communities and we are not on that Map.

John Foran--- mentioned that maybe as the Utility discussion progress funding for GRF’s should be tied in.

Marc--- responded by saying, “there is a lot of resistance from all the campuses for the UC becoming its own Utility provider.”

Bill Shelor--- asked if we could participate in a CCA, Marc responded by saying it would be a business decision and currently we get our energy really cheaply.

**b)  Built Environment**

We haven’t met but have a planning meeting to discuss fume hoods coming up at the end of the month.

**c)    Communications\***

Mo gave update on what we have done around posters, videos, digiknows, and social media. Bill Shelor asked about the freshman summer start program? And Katie explained our participation. Bill noted that he think we should continue our involvement. Marc then mentioned that he would like UCSB sustainability to help push the non-smoking campaign at UCSB.

**d)    Transportation\***

The committee has not yet met but a planning meeting was held.

**e)    Waste\***

The committee is working on the 3Rs reduce reduce reduce says Matt. Matt also discussed the Marlboro frontloading scales. They are giving good feedback of who is generating what. Our current contract with Marlboro will be up soon and we hope to tie the scales into the new waste contract. Marc asked Matt if he was working on a RFP, Matt conformed.Matt also gave update on what will be presented on at the Sustainability Forum.

Mo asked if we have enough data on front end loaders to show consumption, Matt said yes and that he will put it together for the upcoming presentations.

**f)  Water**

Haven’t met yet but will be meeting shortly. The plan is to start implementing the water action plan.

**Action Items:**

Bruce--- asked for any action items from the floor

John Foran--- asked for information on the sustainability forum.

Mo--- gave an overview.

Bruce--- a D-list announcement should be sent out.

Marc--- suggested putting signs in UCEN and that we would need to talk with Gary Lauren.