**Chancellor’s Sustainability Committee Meeting minutes**

**Thursday Nov 12th, 2015 3:00-4:30PM, 5123 Cheadle Hall**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:**

Mark Brzezinski, Mo Lovegreen, Gabriela d’Souza, David Austin, Daniel Charette, Roland Geyer, Samantha Rubin, Alex Regan, Denise Stephens, Rachel Segalman, Brit Ortiz, Jewel Snavely, Marc Fisher

**Absent Committee Members:**

John Foran, Igor Mezic, Maximilien stiefel, Mel Manalis, Constance Penley

Alan Heeger (advisor), Bill Shelor (advisor)

**Other:** Jordan sager, Amorette Getty, Matt O’Carroll, Jessie Smit, Tuyen Nguyen, Katie Maynard

**Announcements (3:05-3:15):**

1. Campus Sustainability Plan public comment period ends 11/20/15

The final plan will be brought back to the CSC in December for approval.

1. Quarterly Sustainability Forum is 11/16 from 3:30-5:00 in Santa Barbara Mission Room in the UCen
2. Received Bicycle Friendly University Gold Award
3. UCSB’s Express Bus Lines (12X and 24X) service extension – We partnered with MTD and are advertising the extension on all MTD buses.

**Updates (3:15-3:30):**

1. Update UCSD CNI Conference (discussion of outcomes) – David Auston

The Conference focused on the research aspect of the carbon neutrality initiative. There were speakers from all ten campuses, national labs, UC president, and Governor. Governor sees UC as a resource to help meet his goals accomplished.

The executive summary of a report “bending the Curve”, was released during the conference. The full report will be released shortly and will be taken to the Paris meeting. The message being delivered there, will by we, the UC, together with the state will by moving things ahead and hopefully other countries can benefit from what we are doing. No one is expecting a binding global agreements but we will see voluntary commitments from each country. T

1. **Cool Campus Challenge –** We are in fourth place and working to spread the word.
2. **AASHE Update – Katie Maynard /Matt O’Carroll**

* University of Kentucky has instead of adopt a block, adopt a section on campus. We are thinking of piloting this on our campus.
* UCB sets aside funding for students to go to conferences
* The Chancellor sits on their sustainability committee, it would be great to have that here.
* STARS 2.1 and 2.0 ---- shared feedback on new STARS tool.
* A couple other campuses are working on Sustainability literacy assessments. We got recognition for ours last year, and UC system asked us to create a system wide literacy assessment.

**Other updates:**

* Katie and Bruce had a sudden meeting with a department of agriculture – They have several funding opportunities for Hispanic serving institutions.

It sounds like they are willing to work with us on identifying funding opportunities for our student farm, internships, food nutrition program, and educating future leaders program.

**Minutes (3:30-3:35):**

1. Review meeting min. from October (Bruce) ---approved

**Presentations (3:30-4:10):**

1. Food Security Taskforce and Development of the Campus Food Security Plan -Tuyen Nguyen

The food bank has done a great job of providing basic needs but food insecurity is a part of larger institutional problems.

We are currently working on several initiatives to address food insecurity including:

* A comprehensive food security plan for our campus – will be completed by winter 2016
* Food nutrition, basic skills pilot program
* We have hired two student interns to support that program and we are launching a collective calendar and are doing some evaluation of the effectiveness of existing programs.
* Also trying to expand CALFRESH -- the financial aid office has hired two students to work on campus to spread awareness about the opportunity. If you are on work study then you qualify. This decreases the amount of students using our pantry and gives students more freedom and autonomy.
* We are working with alumni association on an alumni lecture series on food security.
* Looking at creating food and wellness center, this would create a hub for students to come in and support each other. We could do food demonstrations on site. Short-term plan is to bring a Mobil demonstration kitchen on site

Discussion and comments:

* Through one of the USDA programs, they may be willing to pay for permanent kitchen.
* USDA also buys surplus food which they provide to schools, they could possible provide this to us.

1. LabRATS - Daniel Charette (lab assessment coordinator)----

Current work of labrats:

* LabSYNC – one hour walk through to assess water, waste, and energy use in the lab. We have assessed 48 labs since 2006 (12%).
* Launched the shared instrument website in conjunction with the office of research.
* In collaboration with EDS, facilities, and sustainability change agent waste team, co-launched the red-lidded waste tote program.
* Composting of animal bedding (325 tons of waste) – pilot funded by TGIF
* Working Styrofoam recycling
* Fly incubators --- looking at getting rid of old high energy use incubators.
  + Comments: This could be a great potential SEP project to work with Jordan on. Because the heat from these are so high switching to efficient incubators could reduce heat load and power demand significantly.
* Plug load monitor project –we purchased 45 new intersockets for a 3 month pilot in bio II.
* Lab ventilation working group update: Working on improving campus standards for ventilation. The group hopes to create a LAB Ventilation management plan.
* Single pass cooling – purchased 35 Findensers ($10,000) –
  + A request was made for the water savings data
  + Suggest we use future utilities savings to fund further replacements.
* New system wide water policy says that each campus should identify Single pass cooling systems and develop plan for replacement….
  + Discussion: How do we make sure this information is given to departments? EH&S- has a packet for new UPI… jewel will coordinate with labrats about relaying new policy information to DCS and EH&S.

Committee Reports (4:10-4:30):

1. Academic Senate Sustainability Work Group\* - Bruce Tiffney/Katie Maynard
2. Coordination on Presidential Initiatives\* (Climate/Food) – David Auston
3. Energy/Climate – John Foran/Jordan Sager
4. Transportation – Roland Geyer/Mo Lovegreen -----recommendations to combine rate payer’s board with this group will go upstairs soon.
5. ECOalition – Katie Maynard ---- ECO town hall next Tuesday to talk about collaborations
6. Water – Matt O’Carroll – consolidating unused YTGIF funds form several grants to bring recycled water to CNSI cooling tower.
7. Waste – Matt O’Carroll
8. Sustainability Change Agent Teams

CHESC set date June 27th to July 1st – CSU Fullerton