

Chancellor's Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9th from 10:00 – 11:30 am

SSMS 4315, UC Santa Barbara

Attendees: Ada Chibueze, Andrew Riley, Bella Rosemarie Crosland Bell , Lainey Djajakusuma. David Pellow, Estrella Alcaraz Munoz, Garry Mac Pherson, Patricia Holden, Jaret Valera, Julie Hendricks, Jennifer King, Katie Maynard, Renée Bahl, Rita Raley, Jewel Persad

Open Forum:

- Public Forum Comments - No comments

Announcements:

- Very Important Trees (VIT) Tours
 - April 24th & 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 PM, led by Cameron Hannah-Bick

Updates:

- Recycled water use at Harder Stadium
 - The committee decided there were no objections, wrote to the Chancellor, and the project is moving forward. We are working with the Goleta Water District. The goal is to have the irrigation transitioned to potable water by August.
- Presentation from Matthew St.Clair, Chief Sustainability Officer, UCOP (May 9th CSC meeting)
 - Call for Topics: GCLC Sprints, Curriculum updates throughout the UC on Climate, will the goals for decarbonization be revised, given the budget crisis? How are federal initiatives are affecting UC in the Sustainability realm? Other campus proposals to eliminate CO2e emissions (High-level summary).
 - Please reach out if you have any other items
- Feb 25th Sustainability Steering Committee Meeting Readout
 - A couple of minor consent items were approved, the deadline extension for Climate Action Plans, and some minor changes to the Climate Section. The committee also gave feedback on two new policy proposals, one on new goals for Sustainable transportation and one on requiring Commissioning of new buildings post-occupancy. Overall, the committee expressed concerns

about new policy requirements that might have costs associated with them, given the current economic climate.

- March 7th Global Climate Leadership Council meeting Readout Renée Bahl
 - UCSB hosted a Reception, a Fossils Free pathways committee meeting, and the GCLC. We heard an overview of all of the Decarbonization plans. Some plans are better situated; UCSB and Riverside are more economically feasible.
 - Campus Tours: Lisa Stratton and Julie Hendricks led some very popular campus tours.
 - Scope 3 will be the next focus area for the GCLC
 - At the GCLC meeting, there were presentations from Susannah Scott and Renee Bahl, as well as Leah Stokes.
 - Campus Hospitality and the Club did a remarkable job hosting the event.
 - The poster showcase was a highlight of the reception

Approve [Meeting Min.](#) from Feb (10:20 - 10:21):

- Approved

Presentation and Discussion (10:21 - 11:25):

- Draft Climate Action Plan
 - The meeting note taker, Jewel Persad, presented the draft plan and asked for feedback from the committee, specifically on the scope 3 mitigation section. [See slides](#) for presentation details.
- GHG Emissions of Procurement Evaluation Project - Jaret Valera & Estrella Alcaraz Munoz
 - This project focuses on the Scope 3 emissions from the procurement of goods and services, which are not included in emissions reduction targets because of data limitations and scopes.
 - Data limitations:
 - Limited emissions factors are available for specific goods and services.
 - Data on campus purchases has critical gaps.
 - Analyzing the procurement data available for emissions impacts is a time-consuming process in its current form.
 - Data availability determined the methodology that was used.
 - Paper emissions:

- Calculated paper emissions from FY 2023/24
- Shared presentation with gateway user groups
- The GHG calculator was developed by the Environmental Paper Network.
- Virgin paper used .4 cars while 100% uses half of that.
- UC policy requires 30% recycled content
- Diving into the data, we noticed that UCSB isn't doing a great job of complying with UC Policy.
- Cleaning products
 - 54 MT CO₂e from cleaning products
 - Liquid soap has the biggest impact
 - Wu did a Ready-to-use vs concentrated products comparison and found that, not surprisingly, concentrated products have lower emissions.
 - We also looked at GreenSeal vs conventional products and found that GreenSeal (also concentrated) has a lower emissions factor than ready-to-use and concentrated alone.
- Electronics:
 - FY 2023/24 - Displays and desktop computers are the highest emitters.
 - EnergyStar products have lower emissions per dollar spent than noncertified electronics.
- Next steps:
 - Looking at Furniture during the Spring Quarter
 - Adding a section to the Climate Action Plan on Procurement.

Discussion:

- Worked with the UC system to buy into an electronics program that reduces chemical use in electronics and recycling.
- UC now requires EPEAT and E-Steward certificate recyclers.
- Do non-petroleum-based soaps make a difference?
 - This hasn't been looked into.
- We found an LCA on Greenseal, but didn't find an LCA on other third-party certifications. About 30% of the cleaning products met sustainability requirements.
- Paper is the wild west since everyone does their own purchasing