

Environmental Affairs Committee
Minutes Tuesday, 21 February 2017

Attendees: see attendance and voting table below

1. Call to Order: 1:15pm
2. Public Comments
 - a. Sustainable Works has had a funding shut down.
 - i. They are looking for funding – corporate sponsorship
 - ii. Perhaps at the SMC Board meeting, look for long-term commitment.
 - iii. Other ideas from the committee for funding were: foundation money, PBAR (Associated Students), Global Council, and lottery money (see Erica LeBlanc)
 - b. There was a suggestion that the EAC sponsor an annual theme for sustainability. Ex: fossil fuels, maybe faculty would consider offering extra credit for participating in that theme.
 - c. The City of Santa Monica still has a strong focus on Environmental issues.
 - d. Getting Hollywood to increase visibility of sustainable living in film and TV. Let’s come up with some possible ideas, and then call a meeting of folks from across the industry to see how difficult it will be to get buy-in.
 - e. Earth week: April 17-21
 - f. Free farmers market food: starting with 8 boxes per week for providing food to students on campus. Volunteers are needed, and it could be a service-learning experience, opportunity for independent study or extra credit.
3. Approval of minutes
 - a. 7 December 2016 vote #1
4. Carbon Footprint project: Ferris would like to build this project for inspiring people to use their wallet to resist the fossil fuel industry.
 - a. Choose a theme to really focus the efforts
 - i. Develop a calculator for determining how much CO2 is being saved/released by a person’s actions
 - ii. Develop benchmarks to inspire people to continue
 - b. Follow the congressional environmental and science committees
 - i. Develop a “Pruitt Report”
 - ii. Provide a button on the CEUS web site for action messages
5. “Welcome” video update. It is now 2.5min long.
 - a. The committee was really impressed with the progress and the product. Replace “hydration station” with “bottle filling station”
 - b. Perhaps have the faculty from the film department have a look at it
 - c. Can we approach the “Green Campus ratings people to add Community colleges?
6. REV (6-month sustainability circle) update:
 - a. SMC is hosting the circle on March 9th.
 - b. Our interest in hosting is to gain better management buy-in to the project.
 - c. Bruce emphasized that we need to sell the mission, and move the whole campus to be a cohesive action group.
 - d. There was a mid-stream phone call at 2:30 that day that anyone from the committee was welcome to join.
7. Updates from CEUS: covered in public comments
8. Announcements
 - a. Garen: we need to work on the Env. Scie degree (model after Cal and UCLA), and it would be great to do some fundraising and develop an Environmental Chair of Excellence.
 - b. Ferris: would like to develop a “pathways” folder for students to pursue the Env. Majors.
 - c. We definitely need to be involved in the placement of CEUS during strategic planning.
 - d. Recycling program needs funding. This program is NOT funded by the college.
9. Adjournment: 2:20

Environmental Affairs Committee Attendance & Voting

Date: <u>1:15</u>	Vote 1: 1:35pm	Vote 2: 2:20pm
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		yes	no	Abstain	yes	no	Abstain
Voting Members	arrival						
Alexandra Tower, Chair	1:15pm	x			x		
Ferris Kavar, Vice Chair	1:00pm	x			x		
Garen Baghdasarian	1:00pm			x			x-absent
Stuart Cooley							
Janet Harclerode	1:00pm	x			x		
Michell King	1:00pm	x			x		
Kristin Lui-Martinez	1:00pm	x					x-absent
Angie Misaghi	1:00pm			x			x-absent
Poliana Raymer	1:00pm			x			x-absent
Dawn Vaughn	1:00pm	x			x		
Bruce Wyban	1:00pm	x			x		
Student Representatives							
Sharon Nat	1:00pm	x					x-absent
Interested Parties (non-voting)							
Interested Students:							
Henry Haprov	1:00pm						
Total		8	0	3	7	0	4-absent
1st		Ferris			Janet		
2nd		Bruce			Bruce		