

## Environmental Affairs Committee

### Minutes Wednesday, 21 september 2016

**Attendees:** Alexandra Tower-Chair, Ferris Kawar-Vice Chair, Natalie Hansen, Michelle King, Kristin Lui-Martinez, Bruce Wyban, Kaya Foster, Caro – videographer, Steven Johnson – former Assoc. Students Director of Sustainability (2012-2013)

**Excused/Absent:** Garen Baghdasarian, Janet Harclerode

1. Call to order: 4:25 pm
2. Public Comments:
  - a. Kaya repeated her announcement about the film “The True Cost”, that Sustainable Works is promoting.
  - b. Alex introduced Steven, who wanted to visit the committee.
3. Approval of minutes:
  - a. Vote #1 – 7 September 2016 (see below for voting record)
4. Welcome video planning.
  - a. Kaya introduced to the committee the videographer who is willing to produce the video, Caro.
  - b. The committee watched the Welcome Video presented on Youtube by the Communications Department: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZkHZ4D0xdM&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZkHZ4D0xdM&feature=em-share_video_user)
  - c. Committee discussed the desire to create a wholistic message about the campus-wide efforts toward greater sustainability
    - i. The committee brainstormed about topics that should be covered in the video. The following working list was compiled:
      1. Environmental studies/science degrees
      2. Sustainability awards
      3. STP Program: PV, EE, RRM
      4. Flagged green courses
      5. EAC
      6. SMC students w/ good green jobs
      7. Sustainable Works
      8. Green clubs
      9. Earth Week/ Sustainability Week
      10. AS Sustainability
      11. OLG
      12. Water filling stations, free bottles
      13. **Transportation:** Any Time Any Line, Expo, Breeze, Bike repairs, Bikerowave, Bike Friendly university, Zipcar,...
      14. **CEUS:** Green building, resources,...
      15. **Facilities:** Green buildings, recycling, solar panels, zero waste, rain catchment system, composting, native plants, green chemicals, green businesses(TBY), water conservation, EV charging stations, EE projects, AACPU, AASHE, awards.
    - ii. The committee agreed to continue on this list
5. Environmental Audit of the College
  - a. Ferris reminded the committee that it has been more than 10 years since the last audit.
  - b. The project is large enough that it will require hiring a consultant to do the audit.
    - i. Ferris is looking at REV Sustainability as the consulting group. It will be a 7-month project, during which Ferris helps to compile the information and produce a report.
    - ii. The cost is \$5500
    - iii. The committee suggested that we work toward achieving a STARS rating simultaneously.

6. Planning session for the AA degree revision:
  - a. Degree renovations - Completed new environmental AS degree that will transfer over to top universities
  - b. "Welcome Video" about environmental studies-related opportunities on campus.
    - i. Highlight the majors, RRM certificates, Earth week and sustainable works etc. ( similar to Communications department YouTube video:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZkHZ4D0xdM&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZkHZ4D0xdM&feature=em-share_video_user))
7. Announcements:
  - a. Sustainability week schedule of events discussed (17-21 October).
    - i. Campus clean-up to be held on Wednesday, 19 October.
    - ii. Educating the population about the upcoming election - concerning candidates and the issues on the ballot.
  - b. Coastal Cleanup Day, Sep 17.
    - i. Led by Ferris Kawar and Alexandra Tower
    - ii. 400 volunteers, 126 lbs of garbage, recycling, hazardous waste and compostables were collected.
    - iii. Approximately 40 SMC students from a variety of ICC clubs, CEUS and the President's Ambassadors helped to manage the site adopted by SMC.
8. Meeting adjourned. 5:30 (see below for voting record)

### Environmental Affairs Committee Attendance & Voting

Date: <u>9/21/2016</u>		Vote 1			Vote 2		
		4:30pm			adjourn		
		mins: 9/7/2016					
		yes	no	Abstain	yes	no	Abstain
Voting Members		arrival					
Alexandra Tower, Chair	4:15 PM	x			x		
Ferris Kawar, Vice Chair	4:15 PM	x			x		
Garen Baghdasarian							
Natalie Hansen	4:15 PM	x			x		
Janet Harclerode							
Michelle King	4:15 PM	x			x		
Kristin Lui-Martinez	4:22 PM	x			x		
Dawn Vaughn	4:40 PM				x		
Bruce Wyban	4:15 PM	x			x		
Student Representatives							
Sharon Nat							
Interested Parties (non-voting)							
Faculty:							
Caro - videographer	4:15 PM						
Kaya Foster, consultant	4:15 PM						
Interested Students:							
Total							
1st		Kristin	Natalie				
2nd		Ferris	Ferris				