

Environmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2018

Members Present:

Ferris Kawar
Garen Baghdasarian
Susan Fila
Christyanne Melendez

Members Excused:

Poliana Raymer
Janet Harclerode
Michelle King
Alexa Hernandez – Student Rep.

1. Call to Order:
 - a) The meeting was called to order at 12:48

2. Public Comments:
 - a) Ferris Kawar announced the Climate Fest happening at St Monica's on May 19th.
 - b) Ferris Kawar announced Bike Month which has events in April and May. The first happened on Thursday, April 26th with a group of students visiting from Rotterdam Business School in the Netherlands.

3. Approval of minutes:

Minutes from 4/3/18 approved by Christyanne and seconded by Ferris
Minutes from 4/17/18 approved by Garen and seconded by Susan

4. The letter regarding the fountain at the new Math/Science building was approved. It was suggested that we seek support from other groups such as Faculty Association and CSEA, and DPAC before taking it to the Board of Trustees.

5. Data from the panel discussion on Greening the Curriculum was discussed. It was concluded that the audience was largely self-selected supporters of sustainability so the results are not as useful as we would hope. In the future Garen suggested we visit each department meeting to pitch the idea of Greening the Curriculum and offer the available resources such as:
 - CEUS as a tour opportunity
 - Sustainability Manager as a resource to research curriculum options
 - Sustainable Works' Student Greening Workshops

- Organic Learning Garden
- Transportation options
- Etc.

To move forward on this idea we will need to:

1. Map out all departments and find out the chair
 2. Request to be on the agenda to present to the group
 3. Find “champions” within each department who can act as a conduit for information to their colleagues on all types of sustainability messaging.
6. While discussing data analysis of the AQMD surveys from 2017-2018 it was noticed that electric vehicle ownership has tripled in one year. This indicates a fast growing demand for EV charging stations. It was also suggested that Purchasing create a requirement to only purchase electric vehicles or alternative fuel vehicles when adding to or replacing fleet vehicles. Another suggestion was to find ways to partner with the City of Santa Monica to offer our parking garages as charging stations for neighbors in return for assistance in paying for the purchase and installation of charging stations.
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.