**Environmental Affairs Committee**

**Notes**

**October 2, 2018**

In attendance are Elizabeth Jordan, Ali Parmer, Susan Fila, Stuart Cooley, Ben Kay, Christyanne Melendez, Carla Claure, Ferris Kawar, Graeme Gissing, Wenise Wong, Poliana Raymer, Gillian Grebler.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes with revision - include in report that attendees of last EAC meeting included Stuart Cooley, Christyanne Melendez, Ferris Kawar, Elizabeth Jordan and Graeme Gissing.

4. **Updates from CEUS:**

Kawar noted that interpretive signs for campus have been approved but with minor changes

Tonight 10/2 at 6:30 pm there will be a screening of the documentary ‘Revolution Generation.’

Sustainability week will be week of October 22. Monday with be DIY day (make toothpaste, etc.), Tuesday will be Game Day, Wednesday will be guest speaker day, and Thursday will be Club Row.

AVR survey is going out tonight

10/8 is the Green Living Workshop 3:30 – 5 PM in I 215

Oct 12 – 16 is Aquarium Volunteer Training at the Santa Monica Pier.

Jump electric assist bikes (red) are available for a test run by city of Santa Monica.

Coast is going on this Sunday in Santa Monica – a cultural event in Santa Monica.

Ferris is attending a DPAC meeting re: what and how to recycle in new buildings

This weekend the the Morro Bay camping trip is happening in which students commune with nature.

Saturday is is Beach clean-up at Topanga State Beach.

 Sat Oct 13 The the Alternative Car Expo at Santa Monica Civic Center 11 AM – 1 PM.

October 21 is beach clean-up for Sunset Beach 2-5 sponsored by Surfrider.

Junk Raft documentary clip is showing Wednesday the 24th at the Aerotheater 7-9:30 PM.

**5. Updates regarding Pilot Project By Elizabeth Jordan and Graeme Gissing**

Pilot project involves a guest lecturer (Graeme) for a predeveloped course that works hand-in-hand with professor and syllabus course objectives. This will not pile more work on to the professor. Ideally the course will tie into conservation and animals. For the first semester we anticipate feedback from motivated faculty to help streamline the projects. We plan to link it back to CEUS and Sustainable Works.

Leads include approaching the Center for Teaching Excellence, as they are open to adaptations.

Another lead includes FSI – Faculty Summer Institute

Christyanne Melendez, Stuart Cooley and Amber Katherine have expressed interest.

Stuart Cooley expressed interest in the impact of desert ecosystems from solar and windfarms, and longtime impacts of lithium batteries.

Student Ali Parmer suggested guest speak either the beginning or end of semester is most impactful.

The endgoal is to integrate with business and economics.

**6. Sustainability of Facilities and Operations**

A goal of the EAC is to brainstorm to successfully work with facilities and operations because the campus is a living lab. We want to work with administration, faculty, and students to achieve a greener campus.

Stuart Cooley has instruments for environmental measurements and assessment for magnetics, noise, light-level monitors, etc.

Ferris Kawar expressed interest in removing trash cans from classrooms and pairing them outside. The plan is to eventually have composting widespread on campus.

Whale Tail grant is available. Perhaps we can promote recyclying with said grant. Perhaps a student volunteer can stand ovver recycling bins and instruct the first few weeks of school.