**Environmental Affairs Committee**

**Notes**

**October 16, 2018**

In attendance were Elizabeth Jordan, Stuart Cooley, Christyanne Melendez, Benjamin Kay, Poliana Raymer, and Ferris Kawar.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes Approved.

**Updates from CEUS:**

Tuesday Night - the Erin Brockovich movie screened on campus.

Stuart Cooley provided all attendees with a list of monitoring tools he has access to. This is in response to CEUS having been monitoring air quality (particulates) since spring 2018 to see how the diesel food trucks impact air quality.

CEUS is planning to redo their logo and change their name. They would like to change their name to ‘The Sustainability Center.’

The latest Corsair edition has 3 articles/features/ events addressing sustainability, which we see as progress and a self-directed interest in sustainability.

Sustainability week is coming up. Monday is DIY day with workshops on how to make your own deoderant, lip balm, toothpaste, among others. Tuesday will feature games and activities, and Wednesday will be club row day with guest speakers. Flyers were distributed to all attendees to post in their classrooms. Faculty are urged to make classroom announcements.

In response to the forboding IPCC update that just came out (we have 12 short years to get our act together), CEUS would like to get a message out to the enite school ASAP. EVERY DISCIPLINE MATTERS in order to be an agent of change. Suggestions will fomrally be made from the Sustainability center. Suggesstions follow:

Memo will suggest faculty eat less meat/transition to plant-based eating. Ideally we would like to have ‘Meat Monday’ – a reverasal of meatless Monday. In this scenario, Monday would be the only day day the campus served meat.

We have checked will food services and followed up with food services in order to best determine how to transition to more plant-based options. Students have complained that there are not enough plant-based options.

Food – at least 75% - should be as locally sourced.

Ideally we would like the phase-out water bottles in vending machines. We will look into subsidized water bottles to be sold in the bookstore, as well as utensils. This is so students can go and spend $2.00 for a re-usable water.

In addition the Sustainability Center would like to advise all faculty to connect sustainability into every course.

For future construction, have every building on campus would ideally be a regenerative, living building.

Our mission for the college is to be carbon neutral and we are committed to UPCC and ‘We’re Still In It’ – a committment to still adhere to the Paris agreement, although our Federal Government currently will not.

We would like to remind faculty that our sustainable repuation has only benefitted the college, the students, and our reputation.

We should be building our reputation around sustainabilty, as that will most likely be the entire future job sector, enabling us to train students for jobs for the future. In the future, every job will have a sustainability component. We want to align the curriculum with the future.

We will continue to explore the idea of having a course shell with sustainability and environmentally-focused graphs and icons and charts and infographics. Professors can take resources from these shells and incorporate them into their courses as seen fit.

We are exploring the idea of increasing our social media presence.

In our curriculum we want to examine how sustainability is linked to equity, social justice, and environmental justice.