

Environmental Affairs COMMITTEE

NOTES FOR June 3, 2021

- 1. Call to Order:** In attendance were Betsy Jordan, Ferris Kavar, Victoria Charles, and Yesenia Ramos
- 2. Public Comments:** Metro is considering a proposal for free bus rides to all K-12 and community college students.
SMC hired a recycling specialist and an additional 4 student workers through Climate Corps.
2 more semesters of SW are now fully funded.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** No minutes to approve
- 4. IR Report on Retention Rates of Student Sustainability Workshops:** IR data has suggested a strong correlation between taking a sustainability workshop and success in sustainability classes and other non-sustainability classes. This correlation is strong among Black and Latinx students. This may help address equity issues.
- 5. Updates on Aquaculture Certification:** SMC is waiting on a Perkins and Workforce Grant. Program launch is slated for Summer 2022.