

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Environmental Affairs Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date 10/15/26

Time 1- 2pm

Location MSB 351 & [zoom](#)

Members present: Ferris Kavar, Hector Gutierrez, Lisa Collins, Hannah Nelson, Muhammad Usmonzoda (AS Sustainability rep)

Zoom: Mahtaub Golab

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:09pm

- a. Approval of Agenda
motion F. Kavar
2nd H. Nelson
- b. Approval of minutes from 10/1/26
motion H. Nelson
2nd H. Gutierrez

II. Public Comments (2min. limit)

- a. Ferris & Hector updated the committee on the CA native landscape project moving (initiated by EAC member Leila Kashani in 2025-26, student driven project), grounds crew prepping the area outside the media/ IT building to be planted in late Oct with CA native plants. Goal to reduce water usage and labor on landscaping.

III. Announcements (2min. limit)

- a. SMC sustainability week Oct 20-23
- b. Circular SoCal conference held at Annenberg beach house 10/15- focus on scaling up re-use/ repair/ circulatory practices, Ferris served on a panel on workforce development

IV. Information Items

V. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion on creating inventory of sustainable practices on campus- how do we do this so it is not punitive, want it to be more like a 'brag'; examples include Photo/ Fashion department having loaner DSLR cameras for students- equitizes the intro class by providing the equipment and prevents the purchase of new cameras by every student, each semester; STEM providing lab coat/ goggles/ calculators for students to borrow- equitizing the course materials & preventing waste as they can be used by multiple students over the course of years. Discussion to explore how we may engage with CTE to see if programs can get funding to increase sustainable practices. Ferris working on one-page 'brag' flyer, Mahtaub researching sustainability wins at SMC & at nearby institutions
- b. Upcoming meeting discussion, focus for 11/5 on the sustainability wins one-pager, 11/19 focus on campus food options, 12/3 to plan next steps with campus food & map out spring

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

motion F. Kawar

2nd H. Nelson

Upcoming meetings: 11/5/26; 11/19/26; 12/3/26