

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

December 13, 2019

2-3:30 p.m.

A-104

Minutes

1. Introductions

Attendees: Gerry Vanderpot, Michelle Rodriguez, Scott Starbuck, Waverly Ray, Nancy Cortés, Dean Leavitt, Allan Schougaard, Sam Lee, Leslie Seiger, Paige Hu, Ron Sandvick

2. Recap of District Sustainability Committee meeting

1. Need ESC member from Mesa. Will follow up with Academic Senate.
2. Discussed BP 6980 draft.
3. Faculty will provide recommended edits on BP and AP.
4. District will join AASHE.

Leslie to follow up with Howard.

- ESC will elect two representatives and alternative from ESC membership.

3. Review draft of the ESC policies and procedures document

ESC Members to provide edits to document: Friday, December 20.

4. Review draft of the ESC program review components

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a. BARC request needs

1. Mesa Trail/meditation garden
 - January meeting to approve Mesa's proposal.
 - Funds for benches, signage, retaining walls, also for meditation garden.
2. Food2Soil
3. AASHE/STARS

5. Review draft of the ESC sustainability survey

Nancy to send google doc.

ESC Members to provide comments on survey by January 10, 2020.

Waverly to invite VP Legaspi to a Spring ESC meeting.

Waverly to schedule meeting during FLEX week.

6. Upcoming events

a. PCAB Presentation?

- President's breakfast in April will have a sustainability theme.

b. Earth Day 2020 Planning

1. Event request submitted: 10am to 3pm on Wednesday, April 22
2. Humanities Institute Funding

c. Spring 2020 STEM Lecture suggestions?

d. Approval pending for a fruit tree pruning workshop in January with the Master Gardeners Association of San Diego County

7. Sub-committee Reports

a. Trail

- see above

b. Energy efficiency

- Posters: Approval from Taylor (AS), referral to Judy Sundayo (CDAIE).
- Approval for LRC and MS.

Sam to submit request for two designs to send to Office of Communications.

c. Transportation

- tabled

d. Campus landscaping

- Three native plant gardens at Grossmont (coastal, desert, mountain).
- Drip irrigation not as effective as overhead watering for native plants.

Gerry to forward email to Dean.

- Plot adjacent to MS/J building – native plants?

e. Climate conversations

- 10 minutes uninterrupted in a circle for discussion.
- Recognition that we are teachers and students.

Scott to work on scheduling.

8. ESC Email to the DL

a. Energy conservation: Do the Earth a favor. Be a power saver. Remember to turn off your computer and monitor and unplug power strips for the holiday break.

b. Save the Date for Earth Day, look for contest information.

c. Spring Sustainability Challenge?

- no attachments, just links.

Waverly to send draft to Leslie.

9. Committee Goals and Projects

a. Old Business

1. Meatless Mondays

2. Campus signage

- To encourage stairs instead of elevators.
- To recycle properly.

3. Campus purchasing policy re: surcharge on bottled drinks and discount for reusable cups

10. Open Forum

Next ESC meeting: Friday, February 21, 2-3:30pm in A-104

Spring 2020 meeting dates: February 21, March 20, April 17, May 22