

Sustainability Committee Meeting Summary
Sequoia Hall Room 318
March 13, 2009

Committee Members Present: Claudia Bridges, Mike Christensen (Co-Chair), Carolyn Gibbs, Ruedi Egger, Linda Hafar, Bob Hitomi, Hunter Merritt, Daryn Ockey, Ron Richardson (Co-Chair), Georgina Stevenson, Victor Takahashi, Walter Wallace

Please note: This Summary follows the order of the Agenda which was not the same order the items were discussed.

1. Review and approval of February 13, 2009 Meeting Summary (Mike Christensen)
 - A. Meeting summary was not available for review.

2. Identifying and formalizing Sac State's Sustainability "Programs" (Think Sustain-O-Meter) (Mike Christensen)
 - A. The Sustain-O-Meter was presented with the following measurement categories:
 - 1) Programs
 - 2) Projects
 - 3) Activities
 - B. The intent is to have the Sustain-O-Meter available on the Sustainability website
 - C. Mike Christensen showed a list of with current programs, projects, and activities and asked the committee for additional input
 - D. Comments and suggestions
 - 1) Need another category that shows more general goals i.e. need to incorporate the Sustainability Committee's Strategic Plan
 - 2) Need to include the 3 legged stool of Sustainability
 - a. Ecology
 - b. Economy
 - c. Equity
 - E. Mike Christensen stated that he will revise the entire format to incorporate these suggestions

3. Preparing the 2008 Annual Sustainability Report (Mike Christensen)
 - A. Committee was asked, "What needs to be added to the Report?"
 - B. Announced that format will be changed completely
 - C. Will be forwarding a copy of last year's report for review; wants recommendations for what should be added
 - 1) Need to add highlights/accomplishments from the Sustainability Committee

4. Sustainable Construction Plans, Updates, and Progress (Victor Takahashi)
 - A. Victor Takahashi gave a power point presentation - some of the highlights include:
 - 1) It is important to strike a balance between the different areas of sustainability

- 2) There is strong support from the Chancellor's office to build sustainable buildings
 - 3) There are two major projects under construction right now
 - a. The WELL (Rec-Wellness Center)
 - b. American River Courtyard (Residential Housing)
 - 4) Described features of each building; more information is available via a link from the Facilities' webpage http://www.fm.csus.edu/Construction_Projects.htm
 - 5) The WELL has enough points (39) to meet LEED Gold status. However, it is important to have a few spare points because it is common for the reviewing agency to disallow some points.
 - 6) American River Courtyard has enough points (38) to meet LEED Silver status. However, the goal is to meet Gold status, so a quest to develop more points is in process.
 - 7) There was a discussion about maximizing photovoltaic (PV) power generation on campus. The first phase of PV installations includes Parking Structure III, the University Union, and Library II. It was noted that many of the roofs and parking lots are heavily shaded by trees and therefore are not good locations for PV systems. Carolyn Gibbs observed that the Sacramento region, including Sac State, is noted for beautiful trees everywhere. Sac State should maintain this tree environment and not cut them down in favor of installing PV systems.
5. New Sustainability Webpage Ideas (Carolyn Gibbs)
 - A. Presentation included:
 - 1) Revisions to the Sustainability Committee web pages – Unanimous approval by all voting members present
 - 2) Conceptual design for the Sustainability LOGO– Unanimous approval by all voting members present
 6. Participation in 2009 Earth Day (Claudia Bridges)
 - A. Campus activities will occur on April 22nd with participation from Environmental Studies and ASI
 - B. April 26th will be a community Earth Day event in the park downtown
 - 1) There is an entry fee of \$50 – Unanimous approval by Committee to pay the fee for a booth only and not to include the website promotion which costs an additional \$500
 - 2) All booths from Sac State and Auxiliaries will be contiguous to each other, but all will pay for their own booth
 - 3) Claudia Bridges and Hunter Merritt volunteered to “person” the Committee's booth
 7. Food Services and Sustainability Goals (J. Gellerman & Ruedi Egger)
 - A. Presented a document from UEI food services called “University Enterprises Inc. Sustainability Plan (Proposal)”. This document includes several sustainability goals for both UEI's internal food service venues and the food service vendors that are under contract with UEI.
 - B. Used ASHEE as a starting guide and defined a goal of 5% improvement over existing operations; they plan to increase the goals by 1 to 5% per year in the areas of
 - 1) Green cleaning

- 2) Energy consumption reduction
 - C. The plan was presented to all management and staff of food services and input was requested
 - D. For this plan to become policy it must be approved by the UEI Board
 - E. Also explained to vendors what sustainability is; some are already using sustainable practices
 - F. Contract renewals and new food service vendors must commit to sustainable practices
 - G. Other items they are looking at include
 - 1) Student garden
 - 2) Composting food waste
 - H. Hunter Merritt said he knows a contact that can help with a community efforts on campus
 - I. New store in American River Courtyard will have a natural food corner
8. New Recycle Bins (Daryn Ockey)
- A. Sample set arrived for review and comment
 - B. Manufacturing of the 50 sets of recycle and waste cans to complete March 30th
 - C. Recycling committee wants to promote them by placing an ad on the Hwy 50 sign that says "Green looks good on us" including a picture of the new bins
 - D. Mr. Ockey will work with Public Relations to get the sign artwork done for committee review
9. Liaison Report – ASI (Hunter Merritt)
- A. ASI will be participating in the on-campus Earth Day event on April 22nd
 - B. There will be several booths in the Quad
 - C. 50 volunteers are needed, hoping the Committee, students, and others will help
10. Adjournment approximately 11:00 am

This summary is a compilation of the notes taken by Linda Hafar and do not necessarily capture everything discussed in the meeting.