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## **Sustainability Committee Meeting Summary Sequoia Hall Room 318 June 12, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Mike Christensen (Co-Chair), Steve Garcia, Jill Gellerman , Carolyn Gibbs, Linda Hafar, Hunter Merritt, Daryn Ockey, Ron Richardson (Co-Chair), Georgina Stevenson, Kirt Stout

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

1. Approval of May Meeting Summary ( Mike Christensen)
  - A. Motion to approve by Carolyn Gibbs. Seconded by Mike Christensen. Georgina could not open document—Mike will send email of summary notes for new vote.
  
2. A. Review last month's summary to determine outside community representative. Mike discussed this with Steve who discussed it with President Gonzalez. Steve reiterated the goal to keep Sustainability in the forefront. Perhaps some modifications will be made to Mike's job description to capture other duties. He reminded the committee that the budget is very tight and will discuss at July's meeting the feasibility of having a Sustainability Coordinator. Kirt suggested using grant money to get/keep position until can be normally funded. Steve suggested speaking with Phil Garcia to get legislative involvement. Carolyn noted that automatic searches can find grants specifically for sustainability. Steve made a motion to add a non-voting member from Public Affairs. Seconded by Merritt. Motion passed and carried. (Merritt told Jill to see Kelly Munson-Interim Sustainability Coordinator-at Butte College when she goes to visit Chico State.)
  - B. The first Sustainability Trail meeting created a soft plan with graphics design students working on the logo and image. However, the content was not nailed down. At this meeting it was suggested the Sustainability "Trail" be changed to "Tour." Newer buildings will be the focus of sustainability features and the "Tour" could be regularly updated. Ron and Victor are discussing the form: model, bulletin board, video, etc for the WELL and American River Courtyard. Linda suggested using the LCD screens around campus to show sustainability info updates.
  - C. Steve Garcia will consider paying for the Sustainability Coordinator position for one year and also suggested "sharing" a Coordinator with other campuses. He reminded the Committee that it is up to us to drive the Chancellor's Office. Mike also pointed out that Sac State is as far ahead as any other CSU campus...if not farther!
  - D. Linda discussed the 20/30 year integrated energy plan: we should advertise sustainability data on each building. Community rep. should meet with ASI and other auxiliaries. The rep said we have greater impact on greenhouse gas problem more from travel than campus energy. Light discussion about reducing flight travel using teleconference methods (including video) for candidates.

ACTION ITEM: Mike—need to align actions to strategic priorities and post alignments on web page. Mike reviewed strategies and bullets saying that we will use the Sustain O Meter to show actions and how we're doing as a Committee. What does the campus community need to do to promote sustainability? Need to ask auxiliaries and food organizations to make sure recycling happens.

ACTION ITEM: Mike—work with ASI to create promotional project to educate students on recycling Carolyn reminded the committee that the University should reconsider its choice of using corn-based utensils. Steve said to make sure that outside entities, as well as on-campus organizations, use a contract with agreement language that lists sustainability requirements. Hunter suggested asking how much electrical energy will be in presentations as well as food service supplies. Steve said athletic events need to go green. Daryn said to look globally for ideas. Steve said that a campus-wide policy needs to be made for all vehicles that go through Procurement Services stating sustainability standards.

Carolyn suggested we use ACTS's model for Strategic Priority #2 where the ACTS Center provides people to come to Department meetings to help departments with various ideas. Likewise, could Facilities Services go to departments to offer services? Steve said that we have the right to ask areas what they are doing to promote sustainability.

Linda said the web site is currently being updated but how do we get people to go there? Daryn said "you can't promote what you don't see." Suggestions were made such as allowing pop-ups, info in the Monday Briefing, and The Hornet newspaper. Mike is still hoping that we will have a link on the main web page. Carolyn and a student are also working on the web site with the goal to be finished this summer.

Linda discussed the "Sustainability Trail" and that it is up to departments to define things they are doing and we will publicize. Carolyn suggested one-on-one sessions interdepartmentally to share info. (eg, what is Procurement's paper buying process?)

Linda said the Sustainability Report is almost finished (but not the academic aspect). It is 193 pages so far. She will forward it to Mike for forwarding to Committee.

Daryn talked to Craig in Public Affairs who said we were unable to advertise on Earth Day due to "busyness" but will bring up again in the Fall. He pointed out that one doesn't need to be on Highway 50 to see the sign—it is visible from Folsom Blvd., as well. His task force is working on the water bottle refill stations. Bob Hitomi is having the water tested. We currently use city water that is just as good as bottled water. So far, the chlorine residuals are fresh, proving that the water on campus is good.

Hunter said that Peak Adventures and the Bike Shop are moving to the WELL. There will be a free clinic to change bike tires. He will be leaving the Committee in the Fall and will need a replacement. Daryn gave update on new garbage/recycle bins on campus. He would like feedback on locations.

Mike is going to invite Ed Jones to the next meeting to ask what they are doing and how can we help? UTAPS will be invited to the following meeting.

Carolyn will be making 1-2 minute audio clips in August or September.

3. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

This summary is a compilation of the notes taken by Thamsyne Brown.