

College of San Mateo Sustainability Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 23, 2015; 11:30-12:30 PM

Room 36-200

Members Present: Charlene Frontiera, Lin Bowie, Isabella Colombo, Vijiyalakshmi Raman, Kurtis Casperson, Paul Hankamp, Joe Fullerton, Allison Callow, Hilary Ego

- Sustainability Blitz. The District representatives presented the Sustainability Climate Corps program with a paid fellow over at Skyline. Over the past 3 years they have been working on integrating sustainability into the curriculum. They take two fellows match them with a faculty member in partnership, then they develop a lesson plan, which integrates sustainability into the course work.
- In November, the process starts, and the lesson happens in Spring. Point of the blitz from the student side is the experience in the classroom. There is no required coordination with COI. They have had good feedback from faculty. Where does funding come from? CCBA Climate Corps fellowship program placed throughout companies, NGOs, colleges. The purpose of the organization is to broaden the sustainability reach. Paid by a nonprofit group specifically. Fellows apply for positions, CCBA filters that through the partners. Allison works with faculty to match the fellows with faculty for the blitz. Charlene, fellows come from a variety of places on the CCBA side, how do you then filter the message down to the faculty? The effort is being run as a pilot project from CSM and Canada. If they wanted to a partner, faculty need to apply to Carina. If faculty want to participate it is volunteer. Partners are open to full time and part time.
- The group discussed possibly a limited in scope with partner at CSM. Looking for faculty to be available in November and fellows will be at Skyline College. They will reconvene next semester for developing the lesson plan. Allison will run the program, working with her supervisor at Skyline. CSM could start pilot in Science Division and maybe expand to other departments.

- Lin discussed the Innovation and Sustainability “Minutes” this time. Paul will do it next time.
- Subcommittees were discussed but not acted upon.
- Project Butt is our upcoming early Fall event. Students will canvas the “bad” areas that are known to them and collect “butts.” This is being done before the rains (we hope) and will prevent them from floating into the drains that flow to the Bay. A question was asked about how many bottles might we fill? Facilities does clean up, but they blow the campus and some of the butts get covered up, rather than picked up. The collection is first, but education of the campus is the most important thing.
- Climate Change is our next upcoming Fall event. Gary White is coming to speak to the campus. He is part of the Climate Reality project and was trained by Al Gore. Sustainability Committee and the clubs are advertising heavily. The committee was asked to inform colleagues and students. Professors were encouraged to provide extra credit.
- Other projects discussed:
 - There is a desire for the clubs to plant a tree. They would raise money and then proceed with a project. Lin also offered, if we could not get this approved, we could donate funds to Penny Pines.
 - Preliminary work is being done for Earth Day. It will be open to the community this year.
 - Scheduling: April 22, Friday in 2016.
 - We will look into rooms: Theatre, double check all three classrooms in B36; check with Gina, and check on Building 14, check on B 10, first floor digital media, break-out rooms. Lin will walk about with VeeJee. Also, cordon off Lot 8.
 - Last year big event. Bigger event. Paul had an early meeting with Bev Madden about marketing the event. Bev brainstormed how to get out to community. We are going to make the event a destination. KCSM and SMAC will also advertise through their membership lists.
 - We will also do a Post Card series like the “tigers” infographic 4 postcards now, each will have limited edition image, Earth day on the other side, piece of art, print on tote bags.
 - We will also contact Lorrita about MakerSpace. Lin or Pauls will talk to the bookstore. Charge for the tote bags, sell earth day merchandise? Lin look into that.
 - Next-Meeting is on November 13.
 - Charlene, Paul sustainability.
 - Assign an idea for each committee member for new initiatives.

- The next project under discussion will be a Living wall-made out of recycled materials. Not long term initial wall that could be moved out if necessary. Proposal goes to Michelle, yah or nay. Download plants and build a budget. Botany Club can fund it with ICC funds.
- Also look into a Poster session invitation. Academic Senate.