

College of San Mateo Sustainability Committee Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Jan 28, 2016; 1:00-2:00 PM
Room 36-204

Members Present: Paul Hankamp (President), Charlene Frontiera (Dean), Hilary Ego, Justine Evirs, Viji Raman, Theresa Martin, Joe Fullerton, Curtis Casperson

I. Welcome

Paul welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Spring 2016 semester. Paul introduced Justine Evirs.

We have a live web site where we can now download the agendas.

- II. A. 5 minutes of sustainability-was introduced last year. Since it is the first meeting. A round robin was held with the group. Ideas this time: you do not have to throw out appliances like an old vacuum cleaner-look for opportunities in your neighborhood; the group discussed a number of places to drop off old appliances; San Mateo Whole Foods will take light bulbs, batteries, and old phones. Hilary offered to put links on the web site for taking old materials. Charlene suggested we set up an e-waste depository on campus. The group also discussed having a pick-up on Earth Day.

B. 5 minutes of innovation-Lin identified an article on mercury in the Bay Area. There is mercury in the Bay. A new study found there is methyl mercury in fog, evaporating from the bay, and moving down the coastline. The study was done by UC Santa Cruz. "Mad Hatter" comes from soaking pelts to soften them, which is why many hatters went mad. A question was asked about the chemical properties of mercury and how it gets into the fog.

III. Committee Work-Update on Sustainability Plans:

- We are an official IPC Committee with an institutional web site.
- The web site is on the regular CSM page. People can sign up for the newsletter and it automatically populates into our Mail Chimp mailing list.
- There was a discussion of how we display the members.

- The agendas and minutes are displayed.
- WebAccess page is still live, but it will become obsolete with the institutional page.

IV. Subcommittees 2015-2016:

- We have a ton of projects coming up this year. Curtis Casperson is our official student representative.
- The Earth Day is Friday, April 22. We are starting a working subcommittee that is going to be meeting, so the details of the plans can be discussed elsewhere. A doodle poll will be going out. We received our grant. We eventually want to be self-sustainable. Charlene asked about roles on the committees. We need to make sure that Michele can attend the Earth Day subcommittee meetings. Lin is the point person for exhibitors. There was a discussion about animal exhibits. There are more issues with animal exhibits this year. Charlene is getting it sorted out. Viji will finalize the rooms and will attend the subcommittee meetings.
- The Botany Club is finalizing the living wall. It will be delivered and will be exhibited for Earth Day. We have four infographics, and three are ready. Our art honors student, Raven Brown, did a beautiful job on the graphics. There was a discussion about putting Raven's signature on the cards.
- Next year we are thinking about a design competition.
- Project Butt collected a large number of butts, and we will set up a demonstration at Earth Day.
- Professional Development Committee. It is earmarked in our agenda. Paul is part of the Sustainability Blitz, working with climate corps. Who is going to conferences? CHCSE is accepting papers. ASHEE is in Baltimore this year. Joe related other conferences, one on climate change action planning. He is going to develop an event calendar on these. ASHEE theme is on social justice. DIAG needs a representative on our Committee. Theresa and Paul are currently on DIAG.
- Outreach and Awareness. We are officially a BEE CAMPUS USA. Facilities planning will be guided by bee/other pollinators. Rain, groundskeeper is very interested and is a beekeeper himself. Joe

mentioned we are implementing integrated pest management. We are the first college in California, and third in the nation.

- Newsletter. We have 60 people signed up. Isabella is interning with the District Sustainability Group.
- Carpooling and Shuttles. The Conservation Society is working on it. If we can address how students get here, we are not just the Castle on the Hill. Skyline is working on this too. Canada has a program too; Hilary is familiar with it. The Canada Student Senate was subsidizing bus fares. The biggest issue is access.
- Green Mondays. Right now on the back burner. The Division is going to do our first green luncheon. We will raffle off gift cards. District is developing a green events checklist for Canada. Hilary will present on green events next meeting.
- Climate Action is tabled for now. Skyline is still working on their plan and it is a complex process. Down the line, we need a leader to take this on and be the point person.
- Social Justice. Cesar Chavez week of service is March 21-25. Lorena Gonzales from Puente will be meeting with Paul. The plan is to show a movie, "The Garden." Also, she wants to start a CSM Community Garden. There were two presentations on social justice last semester.
- Readings for sustainability and social justice. There is a copy in the CAE.
- The National Equity Project on March 3-4 Flex Day.
- Divestment will be presented next meeting.

V. Review/Update the Plan-Initiatives for 2015-2016

- We are working with the District to align our goals with the sustainability. Lin is dissecting the original goals and preparing a working document.

VI. Next Meeting-February 11

VII. Good of the Order

Rani might be a point person for climate change.