Campus Sustainability Committee

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September 25, 2020
4:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting


Committee Members Absent: Carter, Daley, Crosswhite, Kodai, Simmons, Villasenor.

Others Present: Fletes, Koontz, Vidal.

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions / Committee Membership
   • Vacancies now filled by Denise Crosswhite and Sandrine Matiasek.

2. Agenda approved.


4. Information: Committee charge reviewed: EM 19-033 (Kitchell/Wentz)

5. Information: 2019-20 CSC Annual Report (Simmons) – Tabled for next meeting

6. Information: The AASHE Global Conference on Sustainability will take place on 10/20-22 (Chastain). Chico State is a host institution for this online conference. This year’s theme is Mobilizing for a Just Transition which connects well to our strategic priority for equity, diversity and inclusion. Students, staff and faculty can register for free (anyone with an @mail.csuchico or @csuchico email address).

7. Information: Events for CSU Sustainability Month Climate Justice = Social Justice will take place on 10/5 and 10/14 (Chastain). This is a free event with a sign up through Eventbrite. Given the virtual environment, Chico State pooled resources with other CSU campuses to create a 2-part speaker series. Both events will connect climate justice with social justice.

8. Information: Climate Action Plan update (Chastain). An initial draft is in circulation for review. Campus resilience goals from Megan Kurtz and Eli Goodsell have been incorporated. Chastain will share a draft with the committee for review in the next few weeks.

9. Information: The STARS report will be due in January 2021 (Chastain). Jo Vidal from the Green Campus team is working with Chastain and will be reaching out with requests for information. The report may be delayed due to the changes in workflow due to our virtual environment but we are aiming for January.

10. Identify Subcommittee Leads
    • Curriculum - Tim Sistrunk. This subcommittee is working on revitalizing and creating student learning outcomes related to the Green Leaf course designation. Suggestions for possible
members: Pablo Cornejo and Marie Patterson from ECC. Sistrunk has reached out to Patterson and it was noted that Cornejo already sits on the research subcommittee.

- Research – Sandrine Matiasek. This subcommittee is working on creating an online inventory of sustainability-focused research on campus. This will help build the STARS report.

- Student Engagement – Kendall Ross. This subcommittee has worked to create a list of sustainability-focused student groups and clubs on campus. In-person events from the spring were canceled. One upcoming project could be a social media campaign to bring awareness to local and national efforts. Content, hashtags, logos, images will be in development soon.

- Transportation – Cheri Chastain. This subcommittee is working on upgrades to the bike path (permanent paint and eliminating trip hazards) and is putting in a request to get funding from President’s office fund identified for projects related to strategic priorities.

- Zero Waste – we need to identify a lead for this subcommittee (possibly Scott Kodai or Natalie Carter). Chastain/Guzzi will reach out to ask if they are interested.

- Procurement – Tom Rider. Previous projects for this subcommittee involved analyzing trash/recycling outputs and operational aspects on campus, but those are now on hold since we are virtual. 2020-2021 will involve a review of guidelines from the CO and more research.

- Natural Environment – Eli Goodsell. This subcommittee is adopting a big-picture approach and working to design and implement an environmental resilience collaborative to partner with the community and identify projects. Current membership includes Eli Goodsell, Megan Kurtz, Cindy Daley and Jason Schwenkler. Anyone who is interested in joining can contact Eli for details.

- Water – Nani Teves. Updates to follow in future meetings.

- Agriculture – Cindy Daley. Updates to follow in future meetings.

- Energy – Mike Guzzi. This subcommittee has been working on a strategic energy master plan and an energy audit. FMS is also working with Housing and AS on an initiative to select only appliances that are not greenhouse gas emitting.

- Built Environment – Need to identify a subcommittee leader.

11. There is now a [Subcommittee shared folder in Box](#). Please make any updates on your progress and goals to the spreadsheet saved in that folder. Cheri will use this information to keep the [website page about subcommittees](#) up to date.

12. Next Meetings: October 26th at 4pm and November 9th at 4pm

- Subcommittees will share 2-4 goals for 2021-21

13. Adjourn