



# CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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## MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020

4:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting

**Committee Members Present:** Blackwell, Carter, Chastain, Crosswhite, Daley, Decker, Dishman, Guzzi, Kitchell, Matiasek, Millard, Rider, Ross, Vidal, Wentz.

**Committee Members Absent:** Goodsell, Kodai, Simmons, Sistrunk, Teves.

**Others Present:** Fletes, Koontz.

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### Meeting Minutes

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1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from 09/25/2020 approved.
3. Chastain provided an update on the AASHE conference update. A record number of from Chico State (310) attended. The online content available is available through November 22<sup>nd</sup> via this [announcement](#).
4. Progress is being made on the 2019-20 CSC Annual Report. Written content will be finalized in the next two weeks and then University Communications will collaborate on the layout and design. Moving forward, we hope to utilize an online format like the [HSU online dashboard](#).
5. Membership updates—more seats on the committee have been filled:
  - Jo Vidal (Student appointed by AS Sustainability Coordinator)
  - Bri Saseen (Business and Finance)
  - Denise Crosswhite (Housing)
  - Mike Alonzo (Water subcommittee)
6. A motion was approved to update the EM 19-033 appendix and combine two subcommittees into one. Built Environment and Energy will now be under one subcommittee.
7. Subcommittee leads for the 2020-2021 year provided updates.

Curriculum (Millard): The Green Leaf course considerations has been submitted to the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB) and will be reviewed on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Research (Matiasek): The group is working on the research inventory and will be meeting this week to create a survey to send to all deans and faculty who might not have funded research. A list of funded research through CSE has been compiled and now the subcommittee is reaching out to a broader audience.

Student Engagement (Ross): America Recycles Day volunteer clean up of downtown Chico will happen on November 15, 2020, organized in partnership with Waste Management and Chico Green Campus. The event will feature a walkabout and cleanup plus information on the do's and don'ts of recycling.

Volunteer signups are available [online through CAVE](#). This subcommittee is also working on a social media campaign to share information with students about sustainability related efforts and events.

Transportation (Chastain): this subcommittee is working on several initiatives for the 20-21 year.

- Various initiatives for the 2020-2021 year are underway, including an application for strategic funding to finish the bike path through campus by July 2021
- Possible geographic parking permit restriction initiative
- Signage at bike racks and an education and outreach campaign about bike vandalism and theft—how to register bikes, proper safety measures, and how to report thefts or damages
- Outreach about B Line bus services including information about safety measures for COVID
- Obtaining strategic funding to establish secure bike parking

Procurement (Rider):

- The revised procurement policy draft from the Chancellor's Office is in a comment period through November 20, 2020 and we hope to have a finalized policy by the end of the year after which we can produce a campus guideline specific to Chico State.
- This subcommittee is looking for more members; please encourage students to reach out if they are interested.
- The subcommittee is considering how we can build resiliency for purchasing in the COVID environment, including factors such as price increases, product availability, bulk ordering, and the insulating effects of large buying groups.
- Also working to determine a good set of analytics for Real Food Challenge goals for AS Dining.

Agriculture (Daley):

- Carbon sampling is underway for soil throughout campus. Most of the farm has been done and there is a Carbon Farm Plan for the University farm and Meridian Road property where there is grazing. The committee is working to integrate comet software for carbon inventories and create a plan to help build carbon in the soil.
- Former student Jared Geiser secured a position with the Glenn County RCE after his graduation from Chico State.

Built Environment and Energy (Guzzi):

- Work is being done for metering on campus, finalization of an energy audit (report by mid-December) and agreements for solar on the BMU, WREC, new science building, and parking structure II.
- Applications will be submitted for funding from the President's strategic priorities budget. Projects include the bike path, an energy audit of the library, and the purchase of a woodchipper.
- Recently we learned from PG&E that our highest time of use is 4:00-9:00PM so FMS is considering changing some shift times to earlier in the day so not as many employees are working in the evenings.

Updates for the Zero Waste, Natural Environment and Water subcommittees will take place at the next meeting.

8. A motion to update the EM 19-033 appendix was approved. The energy and built environment subcommittees are now combined into one subcommittee.

9. Announcements.

- November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the deadline for SFAC funding.
- Next CSC meetings: November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm; December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm

10. Adjourn