



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2020

4:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present: Alonzo, Chastain, Daley, Dishman, Goodsell, Guzzi, Kitchell, Kuintzle, Matiasek, Rider, Ross, Sistrunk, Vidal, Wentz.

Committee Members Absent: Blackwell, Carter, Crosswhite, Decker, Millard, Saseen, Simmons.

Others Present: Koontz, Zendejas.

Meeting Minutes

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from 10/26/2020 approved.
3. Membership update: Gaylene Kuintzle has stepped in for Scott Kodai to represent Information Resources.
4. Subcommittee updates
 - **Curriculum** - Tim Sistrunk
 - This subcommittee has created student learning outcomes focused on climate change and climate resilience and is working on launching green leaf course applications to produce a catalog by end of spring semester 2021. Workshops and conversation with faculty will generate ideas for how to incorporate sustainability content into classes.
 - **Research** – Sandrine Matiasek
 - This subcommittee is gathering lists from Chico State Enterprises to add research projects to the searchable database. An email survey to faculty and staff will go out later this week (a request for self-reporting on research projects related to sustainability). This information will be used long term to help contribute to the STARS report and continue to build a robust database for campus.
 - **Student Engagement** – Kendall Ross
 - This subcommittee is facilitating an in-person event on Sunday—America Recycles Day (Wildcats in Action). Students will be utilizing geo mapping in the downtown and student housing areas to do clean up of trash and recycling. Spots are available for registration.
 - **Transportation** – Cheri Chastain
 - This subcommittee has completed the application for bike path funding and is working on a transportation services mapping project. The map will display where people live and overlay nearby available services such as the B line, bike path and sidewalks to highlight options besides driving that are available. Once the map is complete, there will be an investigation

of parking permit restriction options. The subcommittee is also committed to helping address the issue of bike vandalism and theft on campus.

- **Zero Waste** – updates to follow at next meeting.
- **Procurement** – Tom Rider
 - The new procurement policy from the CO has been reviewed by our campus. Sara Rumiano and VP Sherman were part of process and submitted changes and edits. This is a robust, strict, rigid policy. There have been reservations from lab sciences about restrictions due to budget concerns. The subcommittee is looking into what the process for exceptions would be and how we can put a framework in place for campus stakeholders to learn about the new policy—for example, how to integrate changes to policy and procedure manuals. Guzzi raised the concern of including language in contracts about materials for building projects; how to account for industry standards and state of CA policies once the new procurement policy is in place. The subcommittee is also working on a smaller more short-term grassroots goal of supporting the campus print shop being FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified.
- **Natural Environment** – Eli Goodsell
 - This subcommittee is involved with strategic plan initiatives through the Environmental Resiliency Collaborative with Cindy Daley, Jason Schwenkler and Megan Kurtz. The group is looking for a student to get involved and hopes to have a funded student position available. In partnership with GIC and the Center for Regenerative Agriculture, the subcommittee's goals are around identifying funding, and implementing and measuring projects on natural and working lands throughout the region. The subcommittee is in talks with 30+ community stakeholders including federal, state and tribal groups and hopes to formally launch in spring with projects underway soon thereafter.
- **Water** – Mike Alonzo
 - This subcommittee needs members, if you know of anyone interested in joining. The subcommittee is working with our new campus Irrigation Specialist Brian Wunsch and David from CalWater to address breaks and leaks in the infrastructure. A CalWater project will also be underway to condense meters into one report and develop a code for more efficient and accurate reporting. The subcommittee is also working with Tim Uchimura on a map of hydration stations that can be used for special events or overlaid on the online interactive campus map. Also working on a map of landscape types throughout campus showing irrigation, created in collaboration with GeoPlace. A student is doing a project to capture water condensate from the boiler chiller plant to see how it can be used for irrigation. Guzzi suggested working with employees from the farm to address water savings at the University Farm (bioswale to grab stormwater from the rooftop).
- **Agriculture** – Cindy Daley
 - A carbon soil assessment is in progress; Garrett Liles is working on measurements and the Ag 432 class is helping create a plan for how to utilize the carbon sequestration. The plan will be presented in spring 2021.
 - Other projects in progress include the carbon farm plan and Meridian Road carbon farm plan. Scott Grist has been working with the Organic Vegetable Project to bring fresh vegetables to the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry throughout COVID. The subcommittee is also working to coordinate composting at the farm and is looking into options for staffing resources.

- **Built Environment and Energy** – Mike Guzzi

This subcommittee is working to:

- Publish the strategic energy master plan by end of this fall (which will be part of the greater Climate Action Plan).
- Implement eco vox energy metering on campus.
- Manage recycling through FMS and create a recycling hub for campus near the old college park houses.
- Install solar on campus and finalize the second phase of solar at the University Farm.
- Use funding from the campus energy resiliency project to increase generators in key locations such as UPD, the FMS yard, and Holt Hall.
- Submit a request for funding to change out lighting and wiring of the fourth floor of the library, which will give us the capability to turn lights off and to be more energy efficient.

5. Update on This Way to Sustainability Conference (Daley). Conference planning is in progress and breakout session proposals are being collected. Proposals can be submitted through our website, <https://www.csuchico.edu/twts/>.
6. The next meeting will be held on December 7th at 4pm. Adjourned.