



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

March 1, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Alonzo, Blackwell, Carter, Chastain, Crosswhite, Daley, Dishman, Goodsell, Guzzi, Kuintzle, Matiasek, Rider, Ross, Saseen, Sistrunk, Vidal, Wentz.

Committee Members Absent: Decker, Millard, Simmons.

Meeting Notes

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from 2/5/2020 approved.
3. The committee is raising funds through Chico State's Giving Day which is on Wednesday, March 3rd. Our page is live: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/chicocsc>. Please share link with friends and family. Funds will be allocated based on a majority vote. Chastain has signatory authority for the CSE account. At the first committee meeting in fall 2021, we will discuss how spending approvals will work.
4. This Way to Sustainability Conference update (Daley). Registration is now open: https://whova.com/web/twts_202103/. There will be 4 keynote speakers. On Friday afternoon of the conference, there will be workshops with opportunities to get involved with campus activities such as carbon farm planning, faculty development (integrating climate change into courses), and the environmental resiliency collaborative. There will also be the Greenie Awards and a poster program presented like an art gallery. We have room for more posters; this is a great opportunity for students to shine. Please continue to invite participation as we continue to grow the conference to new levels in the online format.
5. Subcommittee updates
 - **Curriculum** (Sistrunk): The curriculum subcommittee wrote an EM to formalize the Curriculum Advisory Team and provide oversight of the Green Leaf course designation. Will be conferring with Academic Senate later in the semester. The conversation is raising awareness around the need for climate change and resilience to be built into curriculum.
 - **Research** (Matiasek): Slow progress is being made on the sustainability research inventory and the subcommittee is working with CSE to better screen proposals that might be included. The group is also discussing ways to close the loop on the survey sent out to campus and hopes to put together a report that is easy to read and understand.
 - **Student Engagement** (Ross): This subcommittee will meet next week to discuss increasing social media presence on the Chico Green Campus page. The team hopes to coordinate with committee members regarding topics in their areas of expertise; for example, information or graphics related to water use reduction from the Water subcommittee or information about wildfire safety from the Natural Environment subcommittee. In April, the group hopes to host an in-person event related to Earth Day, possibly a campus tree tour to connect to National Arbor Day. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions in our county, the event may be in person or may be streamed live.

- **Transportation** (Chastain): The subcommittee recently worked with our campus media team to create a video series about the B Line, Butte County's regional public transit system. The goal is to promote to all campus users that this is a benefit they can take advantage of. Carter recently finished an application to name our campus as a bike-friendly university. We heard back that we are not considered a bike-friendly university according to the requirements of the League of American Bicyclists. The good news is that the non-profit is going to share a report with the subcommittee about how we can become one, including what steps we need to take in order to get there.
- **Zero Waste** (Saseen): The subcommittee is waiting on bids for recycling bins and will discuss them at their next subcommittee meeting. Alonzo was able to get quotes for replacement lids and additional trash cans. Saseen is going to meet with Rider to discuss organic waste on campus.
- **Procurement** (Rider): There is still no update regarding the finalization of the procurement policy from the Chancellor's Office. The subcommittee is having discussions about our role in how we will disseminate information to campus requesters who make purchases for their departments. Some of our CSU Buy vendors such as Staples may have the ability to create pre-populated lists of preferred items that are more sustainable; if so, it would be helpful to organize products by preference based on new policy guidelines. If it is not something we can control in the online interface, we may need to come up with a plan for how to educate requesters on navigating the website themselves.
- **Natural Environment** (Goodsell): The Environmental Resiliency Collaborative will be doing a public unveiling and workshop on Friday of the This Way to Sustainability Conference. A website is being built where we can showcase projects and also provide an opportunity for community groups to submit projects they are interested in collaborating with us on. Recently there was work done to clear invasive wisteria around the creek south of Butte Hall. Ross and Goodsell discussed options for future outdoor projects with volunteer opportunities for students.
- **Agriculture** (Daley): The subcommittee has been working on a food project proposal with the Wildcat Food Pantry and Organic Vegetable program that hopes to bring more organic vegetables to campus and to support the Jesus Center. Work continues on the carbon farm plan which began last fall. Students from the holistic resource management (farm and ranch planning) course are engaged in helping with the carbon farm plan. There are 10 enterprises at the farm that need to be fully profiled and inventoried for emissions, economic viability and other areas; these include the Organic Vegetable Project, orchards, livestock, meats lab, and row crop area, among others. This work will be used to create a practical plan for how to offset phase 3 emissions.
- **Water**: No real progress to report. Still working with CalWater to consolidate accounts and create visibility into use/reductions.
- **Built Environment and Energy** (Guzzi): FMS is working to complete the bike path and Meriam Library lighting project in a timely fashion. Turner Construction and AC Martin Architectural Design will be doing the design for the New Butte project. The subcommittee will coordinate so that design plans and initiatives for the building can be shared with the Sustainability Committee to review. The goal is for the building to be a net zero building.

6. Announcements

- The [Climate Action and Resilience Plan](#) is officially complete. (Chastain)
- The CFA (faculty union) is calling on the CalPERS retirement system to divest from fossil fuels and take that resolution to the Academic Senate. CFA cited the Climate Action Plan in the notes as part of the inspiration to make this change. (Sistrunk)

- The final faculty development workshop for climate resilience will be on March 9th. Please share with faculty peers and colleagues. The first two workshops have gone well (Chastain).

7. Adjourn