



CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2021

3:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent: Crosswhite, Daley, Decker, Millard, Saseen, Simmons, Vidal.

Others Present: Koontz, Wilson.

Agenda Items

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from 12/07/2020 approved.
3. Guzzi and Wentz welcomed members to the first meeting of the semester and shared a sense of enthusiasm for recent successes and continued forward momentum for the committee.
4. The committee formally voted to endorse the Climate Action and Resilience Plan. None were opposed. The plan had also previously been endorsed by the President, Academic Senate Executive Committee, and the Associated Students Board of Directors.
5. Chastain provided an update on fundraising efforts for Giving Day which is happening on March 3rd. She is working with Chico State Enterprises to set up an account so that the committee can receive funds. Chastain, Carter and Ross met recently to discuss fundraising ideas. The team is working on creation of a profile for the campus website. The committee discussed a target goal of \$2500 and providing content that is project-specific as opposed to the general topic of sustainability; examples: donations to benefit the bike path, watershed, swag for a giveaway at an event, zero waste station, secure bike parking— ideally the website will list tangible items that donors can envision and relate to. At the next committee meeting, the group will discuss a governance structure for what to do with the funds.
6. Subcommittee updates
 - **Curriculum** (Sistrunk): Starting next week, faculty development funds will be used to hold 3 workshops about climate change and resilience. These workshops will talk about student learning outcome goals for how to teach climate change in classes in the effort to promote the green leaf course designation. The curriculum subcommittee recently went to the Curriculum Advisory Board (CAB) to get ideas about outreach and share ideas for the long-term goal of having sustainability be a requirement for general education graduation requirements.
 - **Research** (Matiasek): A survey was sent out to the campus community in early December to build an expanded database from Chico State Enterprises on faculty and staff involved in sustainability research. The data is now being organized to be used in the STARS report and also create an online

database/network. The subcommittee may collaborate with Ann Schulte on a new interface she received funding for.

- **Student Engagement** (Ross): This subcommittee will be meeting next week to discuss future in-person volunteer events, likely an activity after spring break for Earth Day. The group is also working on social media engagement opportunities and welcomes committee members to share resources, information, and/or graphics. An ongoing goal of this committee is to focus on behavior change and how we encourage students to shift their mindset around sustainability and take action.
 - **Transportation** (Chastain): The bike path project was funded. The pilot bike path will be updated with permanent safety measures, functionality and visibility with a target completion date of July 2021. Part of the funds will be used to smooth and re-pave near Holt Hall and Butte. Chastain and Guzzi discussed previous research about improving bike rack areas with secured bike parking. Unfortunately, gated bike parking is cost-prohibitive at this time but the team will instead focus on an educational campaign to properly lock bikes and report theft. If more bike theft incidents are reported, UPD could work to adjust patrols, lighting and security cameras.
 - **Zero Waste**: Chastain is working with student groups to update receptacles to be more identifiable. Some trash bins now have a new blue lid to clearly identify they are for recycling.
 - **Natural Environment** (Goodsell): The environmental resiliency collaborative is making good progress and hopes to have a breakout session at the This Way to Sustainability Conference. The team is also working on a landing page for a website where community partners can make a request to collaborate on projects. The subcommittee is applying for several grants related to developing curriculum around environmental planning, ecological restoration and work on tribal lands. Committee members also congratulated Goodsell on the recent donation announcement for Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.
 - **Water** (Alonzo): Progress has been made with irrigation mapping between FMS Grounds and the design team which will help irrigation repairs be more efficient in the field. The subcommittee is working with CalWater to consolidate accounts, remove erroneous accounts such as Craig Hall, verify meter locations and usage, and reduce our water bill. Guzzi explained how a water conservation project is in progress in Whitney Hall; toilets and fixtures which were severely out of date are being changed out. The estimated savings is that these repairs will be paid back within 3 months of installation. Chastain confirmed that approximately 6680 gallons of water will be saved daily just by retrofitting the toilets. Alonzo also shared that the hydration stations and drinking fountains on the interactive map are being consolidated; feedback from CMT was that the data was overwhelming and the scope should be reduced. Alonzo is working with the designer to create a revised version in the next few months.
 - **Built Environment and Energy** (Guzzi): The campus continues to save in energy costs through a change in custodial staff shift times to avoid peak hours of energy use. Funding from the President's office from strategic priority funding will be used towards the bike path and for the purchase of a wood chipper. Instead of hauling green waste, we can create our own mulch for flower beds, green spaces around campus, and the rose garden, creating better plant life. Funds will also be used for lighting changes in Meriam Library—new lights and lighting controls on the fourth floor.
7. Announcements. Goodsell announced that he has a contact from a sustainable design class who may be able to have students assist with graphic design needs for the committee. Goodsell will follow up with him about potential collaboration for projects with Alonzo, Ross, and Chastain who may be interested in graphic design work for their subcommittees.
 8. A poll will be sent to the group to determine the best time for the next meeting date.
 9. The meeting was adjourned.