



**ALL UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY
February 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

ATTENDANCE

VP & CFO (Interim) Ann Sherman and Provost and VP (Interim) Jennifer Summit, Co-Chairs, Jill Anthes, Rachelle Caterson, Tyler Daguerra, Nancy Ganner, Denise Kleinrichert, Nick Kordesch, Tom Lollini, Frank Fasano, Andrew Lok, Dominique Cano-Stocco, Caitlin Steele, David Grant Smith, Jeny Valdez-Patino, Nancy Wilkinson

AGENDA ITEMS:

Introduction of Sustainability Committee for new members (Caitlin)

- Welcome new Co-Chair: Interim VP & CFO Ann Sherman
- History of committee: Committee formed in 2009 and Charge created with faculty member Carlos Davidson
- Helped create the university's Climate Action Plan in 2010 (now time to update this – see later in agenda)

Review of last meeting's action items

- Can we use our campus canopy for carbon offset (Nick)
 - We would need external auditor, research and funding
 - We can't likely do this, but it might be a good academic project to teach students how to measure carbon in trees
 - We have a map of 2200 trees on campus
 - Nancy W recommend Nick speak with faculty Andrew Oliphant
 - Ann S suggested we look into Sierra campus as well
 - Tom L suggested we look into Romberg Tiburon campus as well
 - Might be a good to write into Master Campus Plan update, or a good thesis project for a student
- **Cigarette litter program (Tyler Deguerre, ECO-Life)**
 - Began weekend "Wake & Lake" program for students at Lake Merced, noted lots of cigarette butts and wanted to help mitigate upstream. "Wake & Lake" continues under SF Park & Rec
 - On campus, cigarette clean-ups partnered with SF Environment and local SurfRider chapter. Tyler organized a "Hold onto your Butts" program and helped collect 3,000 within 40 minutes. He created a pledge to help smoking students properly dispose of cigarettes.
 - Even though we're a smoke-free campus, there are Designated Smoking Areas near Towers, near Residence Hall on Font Blvd, and near Tapia Triangle. Sustainability Office

bought/installed 3 cigarette receptacles, and they are heavily used and have to be emptied daily. Currently, Grounds teams to pick up butts and empty receptacles.

- Three more locations heavily used areas identified on Holloway where receptacles would be useful, but they are not Designated Smoking Areas: behind CA and HUM bldgs., behind the library and near Tapia Triangle.
- The question is: since we're a smoke-free campus, should we put up receptacles in this area? Students smoke here anyway, and butts end up on street or in bushes, which is a safety hazard. The \$58 fine does not work. Will also need to request add'l funding for new, larger receptacles, since the smaller ones must be emptied daily.
- **Q.** Are we encouraging smoking by adding more cigarette receptacles?
- **A.** No, since they're already smoking. Some have already created their own receptacles (hanging cans, etc.), but with more receptacles, we're adding more to the Ground crew, but technically emptying trash is a Maintenance job and these would add new routes for an already overtaxed staff.
- Dominique suggested Tyler meet with her and Noriko to do a presentation to the California Ocean Lobby in March and perhaps State can help fund it, or pressure City to fund.
- **A.** No solution today, but will formalize location/size and bring back to next meeting.

- **AASHE STARS update: report submitted (Rachelle)**

- Campus likely qualifies for Silver status, but Gold is within reach soon
- Documenting our sustainable practices moving forward will help us reach Gold status.
- We have to better track research with a sustainability focus – Task Force to investigate
- We have to better track our classes that have an Environmental overlay, now called “SF State Studies”, that also applies towards Gen'l Ed requirements
 - o Sustainability office will set up a survey to send to faculty to ask if their class applies, so we can track it. There are 90 - 100 classes now, but we know there are more
 - o Difficult to do this because faculty have not registered their classes as such. Better to contact Dept Chairs to encourage faculty to do this: Sasha Bunge
 - o **Q.** There are several courses that may apply in COB, but they are not registered because they would have to open to all students, but should they serve their majors first? If classes fill with other students then their students may not have access
 - o **A.** Provost said they don't have to be open to *all* students, but to certain majors only and encourages them to register these classes, as all students are better served by more classes that fall under this category.

- **New “Sustainability Task Force” Work Group (Nancy)**

- Have identified first projects:
 - Creating a Sustainability pre-award checklist for research grants
 - Green Office program development; will find source for award funding
 - Fog catcher for housing “Sol Patch” garden – waiting on pricing
 - Digital swap-shop for campus furniture, etc. (*add all committee members to list-serv*)
 - Signage committee collaboration to show what we do. We need better outreach
 - Send any new ideas for projects

Campus Climate Action Plan (Caitlin)

- Drafted in 2010 working with several departments to achieve goals and reductions
- Much has changed. Now will be called Campus Climate and Sustainability Plan

- Resilience will be part of it, and defining what it means to our campus. Being resilient to climate change, such as the recent winter campus shutdown, the drought and now recent heavy rains, and how to adapt to these changing effects; clearing storm drains, fallen trees on campus and planning how to respond effectively.
- Socially responsible investments and divestment weren't included before, nor are equity and risk, and they will be in this new plan.
- Climate neutrality date is main goal of report – to reduce emissions and when we will be climate neutral. The trend is 2025 in UC, and CSU 2030, but we want to set our own.
- Our emissions are low because we are in an urban setting and many use public transit, and new resident student housing will have a positive impact on this also
- To be completed by September; March/April working group meetings so everyone can take ownership of their area, and defining goals (i.e., 20% water reduction by 2020). At this committee's Sept meeting, will review/approve and set goals in motion and standards to be set: for example, if new buildings are to achieve LEED platinum status, then we will do that moving forward

Campus Master Plan Update (Jill)

- There are currently several Master Plan RFQs in progress: Physical Plant, Mobility and Wayfinding, Infrastructure and Utilities.
- We're meeting with Student Affairs and ResLife because housing is the driver of our development focus for the future. Heard President comment recently we're working on becoming a residential campus, so we need to look into building quickly to meet that goal.
- **Q.** David noted he's been on campus since he was a student, and has seen the long-term effects. Perhaps becoming a residential campus may have unintended consequences. If the goal is to have students close to campus for environmental reasons, this might create a demographic shift, and might lead to changing and scheduling class schedules. SF State used to be a leader in providing alternative schedules for education to urban communities, so this may shift the way we teach. Also, if we have students all around the campus community, it affects how many staff and faculty work here and if that increase reduces their housing access, so it becomes an issue of social justice.
- **Q.** Provost commented that we've had complaints about not delivering an alternative class schedule. Our courses are more traditionally scheduled, and recently at Academic Senate we've been looking at standardizing a time block plan to expand our offerings. The social justice framework is interesting. Currently we're trying to cram classes into 4 – 5 days per week, mostly 9am to 4pm, but we will need more facilities to accommodate this crush - if you offered classes more spread out over evenings and weekends, then we wouldn't be pressured for space.
- Frank: This also affects peak hour impact on Facilities, and transportation traffic impact is lower, so good plan-based on academic plan being principles and policies so we can build the physical plant from them.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Farm to Fork (May 2) hosted by Office of Sustainability Sodexo and the Vista Room
- Bike to Work Day (May 11)
- Next meeting date: (May 31)

Meeting adjourned.