**Chancellor’s Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday January 19th 2:00-3:30**

**5123 Cheadle Hall**

Attendance: Bruce Tiffney (Co-Chair), Mo Lovegreen (Consultant), Alex Regan, David Lea, David Austin, Marc Fisher, Renee Bahl (Co-Chair), Natalie Burrous, Shivkumar Chandrasekaran, Rachel Segalman, Jacob Godfrey (advisor)

Absent Voting Members: Igor Mezic, Alan Heeger, Roland Geyer, Mark Brzezinski, Daniel Bernal Otero, Denise Stephens, Nicolás Pascal, Ken Hiltner, Brit Ortiz, Constance Penley, Bill Shelor (advisor), Mel Manalis

Other Attendance:

Katie Maynard, Kiya Gornik, Jordan Sager, Matt O’Carroll, Shelby Huffman, Heather Perry, Jeremy Levine, Rena Lahn

Announcements (2:05-2:10):

1. STARS Ranking – Mo Lovegreen
   1. STARS gold ranking, 3 points higher then last time. We are now working on developing a pathway to platinum.
2. CHESC – Katie Maynard
   1. Hosting sustainability conference June 26th to 29th, this event will bring in a few thousand people. The call for speaking proposals was just announced the call for Best practice proposals will be announced shortly.

Updates (2:10 – 2:20):

1. CAP update (attached) – We will be presenting to the CPC on January 31st and asking them for further feedback before the plan comes back to the CSC for approval.

Minutes (2:20-2:22):

1. Approve meeting min. from December – Bruce –

No edits or additions, meeting minutes were approved

Presentations and discussion (2:22-3:00):

1. Zero Waste Campaign – Matt O’Carroll, Co-chair of system wide working group on solid waste.

UC has a zero waste by 2020 goal, which is defined as diversion of 95% of waste generated on campus. This goal has fallen off of main plate and zero waste hasn’t gotten much attention even though it is the most immediate goal. 30K was secured through Biorad with a match from UCOP to launch a system wide zero waste campaign. A subcommittee worked over the last few months with UCOP and a consulting firm to develop several deliverables, all of which can be found on the web tool kit, including a logo, hashtag, and a event calendar with a waste topic assigned to each month. This is a 4 year campaign and will be introduced at the beginning of each academic year. There will be event suggestions for each month with a cheat sheet for each event that includes a list of approvals needed, who to contact, etc. For UCSB’s first event, we are doing a public waste audit. The event is next Thursday from 12 – 2 in the Bren Quart yard. For February, which is recycling and plastic month, we are planning a campus social cleanup event. March will be Paper, and April will be E-Waste and Social Justice. We are also working on creating a platform for collecting pledges. The focus will be on quality and not quantity of these pledges.

Additionally we are looking at ways to reach out to individuals not typically involved in sustainability.

Suggestions and Discussion:

Reaching out to Greek Life could be a great platform for getting the word out.

How do we measure impact of this program? - Metrics have been tricky and we are looking into it.

IV give sale is great for move out. – We plan on helping to promote several existing campaigns and waste management event.

In April there will be a Patagonia event, they have a repair vehicle and will be showing people how to report their clothing. We are also reaching out to I *fix it* for electronic devises.

EAB is working on a campaign to start a student run shrift store.

Committee Reports (3:00 -3:30)

1. Transportation
2. **Food\* - Katie Maynard**

* FNBS, call for proposals for spring workshops is due date is Feb 3rd.
* The campus received 150K over the next two years for Healthy campus network.
* SNAP challenge – challenging staff and faculty to eat on a snap budget. The challenge starts on Jan 30th, the department with most participants gets a tree donated in there name.

1. Water - A Bren PhD student secure a grant for a screening and panel discuss on lets talk about water, we are working with him to help plan a multi-day event with outreach.
2. Waste
3. Energy & Climate –
   * big push right now is for the climate action plan draft and all the review and necessary feedback. We meet next with the CPC on January 31st.
   * The first phase of the solar project came online about a month ago. We have 3 more sites to build, San Clemente, the Mesa parking structure, and then Elings.
   * GSD past first stage of the grant process for a proposed food waste to energy production project. Our role would be to provide feedstock. Got a couple more rounds of review, it is pretty small scale pilot but has the potential to grow.

Question about the Senate response and how the Co-Chairs Responded

Comments were extremely helpful and pushed us to revise the plan. Pushed us to scale back the ambition of the plan. Energy Efficiency projects use to be financed by borrowing money, since we can no longer borrow money, we are looking into establishing a revolving fund to reinvest savings from past, current, and future projects. Jacob said there is another way to work around debt using a model where a third party takes on the debt. A company is coming in a few weeks to talk about energy efficiency projects using this model.

1. **Coordination of Presidential Initiatives** –
   * Global Climate Leadership Council will have its next meeting at UCSB. This will be a very important meeting since all CAPs will have been reported, and the financial taskforce will have concluded most of its work.
   * The TomKat group is also close to finishing their research. While it is clear that bio methane could help, it’s not scalable, so therefore isn’t a long term solution. Biogas using all waste available would probably only cover 3% - 4% of US Natural Gas use. We are looking at other potential options however these may not be financially feasible. On March 6th the applied research group will meet, there will be two reps from each campus. There will be reps from funding organizations attending as well.
2. **Academic Senate Sustainability Work Group –** Committee will meet again in over a week and will talk about environmental justice minor
3. **ECOalition** – During our first meeting we will hear from Associated Student body president. Thesecond town hall is week 7. Several other mini coalitions have been formed including climate and garden coalition.