

CSC Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 27 · 10:00 – 11:30am

McCune Conference Room-6020 HSSB

Open Forum/Introductions (10:00 - 10:02):

- Public Forum Comments

Announcements (10:03 - 10:08):

- Interactive Learning Pavilion Green Schools Award CCGBC (Katie)
- California Higher Education Collaborative Focus on Efficiency Award (Jewel)

Approve Meeting [Min. from Nov](#) (10:08 - 10:09):

Updates (10:09 - 10:20):

- Sustainability Director Update - Katie Maynard

Presentation and Discussion (10:20 - 11:25):

- The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System
- Goal Setting for CSC for 23- 24

Other Updates (11:25 - 11:30):

Public Forum

- Celebrating UCSB achievements on Thursday 10am at the SRB - CalPIRG

Awards

Directors Report

- Flexibility with host organizations
- Timeline
- Staffing structure

STARS

- Benefits of going for Platinum, why prioritize?
- How do we reach faculty on research and courses?

CSC Goals

- Transportation
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- Education and training
 - Developing an Environmental Humanities Minor and Center (did not come to fruition)
 - How do we do more of this? How do we develop greater buy-in?

- Ken teaches 2,500 students a year on this. One challenge with this is that climate anxiety is very high. How do we address this in the curriculum?
- Question should this be the Academic Senate or us? Who is the decision maker for this type of work?
 - There also has to be an extensive community engagement, vetting, and buy in building process before these programs go to decisions
- CA College Corps - Climate Action and Food Insecurity
 - Intersection of these two topics is undeniable
 - Not a lot of group empowerment around addressing food insecurity in a sustainable way
 - Food choices as a climate choice
 - Dr. David Cleveland has been championed this
 - Dr. Renee Larue on vegan choices
 - Grant that Sarah Anderson and Kathy Baylis moved forward around thinking about our relationship with food.
 - Recent talk by Robin Wall Kimmer on indigenous practices
 - We could develop a year long focus on food for our committee (kind of like UCSB Reads)
 - Could help us get the word out
 - GFI moving under GCLC with a focus on regenerative agriculture
- Climate Anxiety
 - Lack of connection to nature
 - Dr. Holden - reduction in availability of funds for funding to take students on field trips
 - Would be great to support our natural reserves
 - Can you imagine what eating from a farm looks like if you have never been on a farm?
 - How to move from individual action to your power within your community?
 - Do we teach civic engagement?
 - ORU Directors meeting - lots of faculty researching plastics
 - Maybe a curriculum program around plastics
 - Orientation Program
 - This would be very valuable
 - UCSB Sustainability does offer orientation programs twice a week throughout the summer each year
 - Tabling
 - You need to care about the planet to want to take care of it.
 - Great examples at UCSB of strong student impacts
 - Fossil Free UC Campaign, shout out to CalPIRG for their role in this campaign

- The UC Policy on Sustainable Practices is also in place due to student activism
- How are we engaging majors not traditionally engaged in Sustainability?
- Communications campaign - this is what sustainability looks like and show that it can include much more
- Other updates:
 - Patricia Holden raised concern of bike theft on the campus, we especially need better storage options for e-bikes.
 - 18 e-bikes stolen in Fall 2023 alone