

# CSC Winter Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, January 24 from 9:00 – 10:30am**

Attendees: Renée Bahl, Jewel Persad, Garry Mac Pherson, Julie Hendricks, Katie Maynard, Ken Hiltner, David Pellow, Jake (Calpirg), Bella Ponce, Kristin Antelman, Krista Fritzen, Patricia Holden, Cali Pfleger

## Open Forum/Introductions

- Public Forum Comments -
  - Cali - I heard about Bruin Bites and wondered if UCSB has something similar
    - Sean Leberman head IT in Associated Students has been working on an app called Late Guest

## Welcome New Members

- David Pellow, Dehlsen Professor; Chair of Environmental Studies; Director of the Global Environmental Justice Project

## Announcements

- TGIF Call for Proposals Due Feb 5th
- Waste Workshop, Jan 25th from 12 - 1PM, McCune Conference Room
- Renowned Climate Expert Michael E. Mann, Friday Feb 23rd at Campbell Hall at 7:30PM
- AS Bike Shop LEED Platinum
- Interactive Learning Pavilion nominated for the “US Building of the Year” Award. Please vote:  
<https://www.american-architects.com/en/building-of-the-year>

## Approve Meeting Min. from Dec

- Approved

## Updates (9:11 - 9:25):

- REACH Grant
  - \$3.8 million electric vehicle charging grant for a tri-county collaboration led by UCSB
  - Awarded! Final CEC Vote in April, but already beginning implementation.
- California College Corps Application

- Application submitted, will hear back Jan 31st, 2024
- 29 partners (16 Non-profit, 13 Government, 5 UCSB)
- SBCC as recruitment partner
- CSUN Support Letter for future partnerships (CSUCI was in a staffing gap)
- Food (15 orgs), Climate (19 orgs), and K-12 Education/Enviro. Ed (4 orgs)
- Healthy Campus Index
  - Attended Healthy Campus Network Working Meeting at UCLA on development of a new Healthy Campus Index.
  - Effort supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
  - Will have great synergies with the Sustainable Development Goals from the United Nations and the Okanagan Charter which UC Student Health and Student Wellbeing Directors have been exploring.
- Decarbonization Project Study Update -
  - Focus on scope 1 emissions, identifying gaps in equity and Resiliency
  - The primary focus is on eliminating boilers, looks like it will focus on an increase in chilled and hot water loops with heat pumps. By spring we will have more detailed Hope cost estimates
  - Meeting later this quarter with justice and Resiliency experts
- Sustainable Steering Committee Meeting - Jewel Persad
  - First formed in 2003 by the UCOP Senior Vice President for Business and Finance, the Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) engages decision makers from all ten campuses in developing and implementing a successful systemwide sustainability policy.
  - The SSC meets once a year to review policies and progress towards the goals outlined in the UC Sustainable Practices Policy (pdf).
  - Jan 29th Sustainable Steering Committee Meeting
    - Consent Item: Update Climate Action policy
      - The [proposed updates](#) remove no longer needed text in the policy
    - UC's Equity-Centered Climate Resilience Planning Project Climate Resiliency Planning Forum

**Presentation and Discussion (9:25 - 10:25):**

## The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS)

- No longer considering submitting in STARS 3.0. Reporting on a 3 year window for some questions and 2022/23
- Finished most of our data entry and are now doing final editing with stakeholders
- March 1st we will be submitting for Princeton
- Overview of points
  - Curriculum - missing quite a few points that would require significant investments.
    - Inconsistent reporting methodology (some campuses are just counting in a different way) and have different definitions of sustainable courses.
    - Opportunities: Strategic Academic plan (SAP) - Sustainability was well represented in the last SAP
  - Research - received 17 out of 18 points -
  - Community Service - tracking is disperse (UCUES data set is extrapolated)
    - No strong community service office (many other UC campuses have this more centralized). College Corp would double community service credit
  - Food - took a big hit during covid, kept all employees on top of increasing food costs.
- Action Item: Vote on STARS Submittal approval
  - All in Favor

## Make Climate A Class - Worldwide Climate and Justice Education Week

- Bending the curve class (was taught here by summer Grey)
- There will be a new class taught in spring by Ken Hiltner and Summer Grey on Climate Resiliency
- The Make Climate A Class initiative is part of Worldwide Climate and Justice Education Week set for April 1-8, 2024
- They track participation through sign ups here for pledges to spend at least 30 minutes in your class talking about climate during Worldwide Climate and Justice Education Week.
- This could be a opportunity to engage with faculty about importance and opportunities to participate in climate
  - Would send email to all faculty and TAs
  - One time commitment
- How to provide resources to those interested in pledging?

- Connect to other faculty in the department
- Start crowd sourcing information and or slide sourcing
  - Videos
  - Student leaders that can come give a presentation (or other faculty) additional material
- Developing content (CSC slide reduced emissions and student empowerment)
- UC online course on climate justice
- Motion approved to send this out from CSC

Goal Setting next steps

- Strategic plans

Plan	Last Update	Notes on Next Update
Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System (STARS)	March 2021 (& March 2024)	Though this is not a plan, this comprehensive assessment is a massive undertaking from a workload perspective and helps us tracks and report on many key metrics that we use in planning.
Climate Action Plan	2016	Will need to be updated after the decarbonization study is complete (23-24) to align with new policy goals. Must be completed <b>by Jan 1st, 2026.</b>
Transportation Plan (no official plan yet)	N/A	We don't have a current timeline for this, however there are some converging efforts/needs here.
Fleet Sustainability Implementation Plan	2017	No update currently planned, though we seeking creative funding opportunities (such as inflation reduction act).
Campus Sustainability Plan	2018	Most comprehensive of our plans.
Green Lab Action Plan	2019	
Zero Waste Plan	2020	AS Recycling staff position currently vacant.
Water Action Plan	2017	

- Other plans
  - Storm water management plan managed by EH&S

## Discussion

Is this similar to other UC plans? Yes but there has been conversation about how often plans are updated.

Stormwater Management - use the campus as a living laboratory

Looked at several stormwater management projects across the UC system. There are some great water reuse projects.

Stormwater cleaning throughout campus - Cities are incorporating more types of features but we still do not know how they perform over the long term.

Could bring in someone from EH&S to talk about stormwater management. ILP is a good example of great stormwater management projects on our campus.

Our water action plan doesn't focus on stormwater management.

**Other Updates** (10:25 - 11:30):

Swap shop training for facilities