

## Chancellor's Sustainability Committee Meeting notes

Thursday, February 18th, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

### Join Zoom Meeting

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**Attendance of Voting Members:** David Lea, Julie Hendricks, Kathryn Foster, Renee Bahl, Susannah Scott, Kristin Antelman, Mark Brzezinski, Derek Musashe, Eric Mcfarland, Diana Garcia, Janet Walker, Julie Maldonado, Ethan Engler, Britt Ortiz

**Other Attendance:** Mo Lovegreen (advisor), Nestor Covarrubias, Katie Maynard, Alexa Kerr, Sarah Siedschlag, Landry Guillen, Jacob Godfrey (advisor), Jordan Sager, Jewel Persad (staff)

### Announcements (3:00– 3:05):

- A. Welcome New CSC Members
  - a. Ethan Engler, AS Rep, Diana Garcia, EJA Rep (<https://eja.as.ucsb.edu/>), & Julie Maldonado (<https://www.es.ucsb.edu/julie-maldonado>)
- B. Congrats to Sangwon Suh on his invitation to become a fellow of Royal Society of Arts
- C. Save the dates for CHESC July 12th-July 16th, 2021
  - a. and GCLC Climate Justice Symposium for Transforming Education April 28th - May 1st - The Symposium will be entirely free. There will be a registration link sent out soon.

### Updates (3:05 – 3:10):

- A. UC Systemwide Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) readout - Sustainable Practices policy updates approved at the Jan 28th, 2021 meeting include:
  - o Fleet Policy - Established a new target that 50% of vehicles acquired after July 1, 2023, be zero emission, plug-in hybrid, or dedicated clean transportation fueled vehicles. Requires all passenger vehicles (sedans and minivan) acquisitions be zero-emission or plug-in hybrid vehicles, with the exception of public safety vehicles with special performance requirements.
    - i. Heather Perry will serve as the fleet and commodity manager on our campus and will make sure we meet and exceed these requirements.
  - o Telecommute - Asks each Location to review and update policies, guidelines, procedures, and other documents to normalize telecommuting and flexible scheduling practices.
  - o Offsets - Key Elements of Policy:
    - i. Prioritizes direct emissions reductions and the use of offsets as a transitional strategy
    - ii. Requires the University to only use high-quality offset credits to meet its climate protection goals that go beyond its requirements under

- California's cap-and-trade program
- iii. Defines high-quality offsets
- iv. Sets procedure requirements
- Health & Wellbeing - By the end of 2022, the HCN will review the strengths and gaps in the UC Sustainable Practices Policy and make recommendations for integration of health & Wellness. Local HCN Chair: Mike Miller, Staff contact: Katie Maynard, [kcmaynard@ucsb.edu](mailto:kcmaynard@ucsb.edu).

**Minutes (3:10 – 3:11):**

- A. Approve Meeting Min. from November 18th -Approved with minor revision to fix typo

**Presentation and Discussion (3:11 – 4:15):**

- A. Transportation & Parking improvements - Nestor Covarrubias (Click here to view [Slide deck](#))

Parking occupancy Technology - We now have a car occupancy counter at a couple of our parking structures, they have helped inform commuters of parking spot availability. This helps to make the most use of every available parking spot, instead of building new spaces.

EV Charging - made a big push over the last two years to increase our charging capacity. In 2016 we had about 20 spots, we then got a grant to install over 100 stubs.

We found that there were significant costs associated with activating charging stations, including ongoing costs for network connections. We found a non-network option at about \$500 a piece and were able to activate about 66 make ready stubs. Now we have 80 plus charging stations on campus.

EV Charging Station Discussion:

How do you charge for EV use? Charge point charges per kwh, but since we aren't networked, we charge a flat rate.

If you allow folks to park in an EV parking space all day long, is there enough space for demand? We have EV available spaces that we can change to EV only when our demand increases. Right now we have more spaces than demand. Most EV users charge overnight when electricity is cheapest, so we are only trying to meet the demand for those who live in multi-family homes, or have long commutes.

Do you have a means of knowing whether someone with an electric car comes to campus and doesn't have a charging spot available? Yes, we do get that feedback. Our EV drivers are pretty vocal.

UCSB E-permit switch - This will lay the groundwork for offering new services. We now have automatic license recognition vehicles and will launch our E-permit system by July 2021.

Outreach and Education - We are reaching out to new employees about alternative

transportation options through a module for HR's first year experience.

B. Rate Payers Board Reformation Letter (attached) - Mark Brzezinski

The Parking Rate Payers board is a Chancellor's committee, it is still on the books but it is clearly inactive. It was founded in 2003, the charge was to have oversight of parking and parking rates. From the perspective of the Sustainable Transportation committee, when we are thinking about promoting alternative transportation, it dovetails with the Parking Ratepayers board. We need a mechanism for exploring different parking rate structures that can incentivize alternative transportation.

C. STARS 2.2 Report - Katie Maynard & Jewel Persad

[See slide deck](#)

D. CSC Structure & Communication - Jewel Persad

**Committee Charge:** The committee advises the Chancellor and campus administrators on matters of campus sustainability, makes recommendations on sustainability initiatives, helps prioritize and monitor the execution and progress of the campus sustainability plan toward our goals, makes recommendations on allocations of available funding resources, and provides guidance in the creation and fostering of alliances.

**Committee Transparency and Communication**

- Committee meetings are open to anyone to attend
  - Committee times and locations are posted on the Sustainability Website
- Meeting minutes are made publically available on the Sustainability Website

**Decision Making**

- The CSC Co-Chairs send nominations to the Chancellor's Office for a final recommendation on new membership
- Approval of recommendations (other than for membership) by the CSC require a quorum

**Discussion on Increasing Transparency**

- Posting meeting agenda to website
- Publicize CSC through ECOalition
- Adding public forum as standing item to the agenda

What would happen if 30 people showed up? We could think about this in terms of space needed and could accommodate this by changing rooms. We could also set a time limit for the public forum.

Committee is in agreement on adding a public forum and making sure to share the agenda on our website, and through our listserv. We will explore using a similar structure to public agencies for the open forum.

### **Action Items (4:15-4:25)**

A. Vote to Support STARS Submittal

Yes's - David Lea, Julie Hendricks, Kathryn Foster, Renee Bahl, Mark Brzezinski, Derek Musashe, Eric Mcfarland, Julie Maldonado, Ethan Engler, Britt Ortiz

Abstained - Diana Garcia

No's - 0

B. Vote to endorsement of the Ratepayers Board Reformation Letter

Comments from Zoom Chat:

"I do not think that CSC should be a "stakeholder" in the proposal to raise parking rates as a means of incentivizing alternative modes of transportation. That particular language, material reality, and formula I find very troubling. As I've noted before, and as is in the minutes for the last time, I see this as an equity issue. There are many reasons why lower-paid employees are not able to own an electric vehicle or commute by bicycle. The need to drive kids, for one. Also, I worry that the hike for that constituency might inhibit coming to campus, and therefore affect the employees productivity."

"I fully support the above comment and further stress that we should not put any financial disincentives for students to be on campus - Covid has underscored the importance of direct faculty-student contact and in no way should we put barriers in place to this fundamental role of the University."

Response:

This letter is just to support the reformation of the board not to support any specific recommendations. There are several facets that intersect with sustainability. It's not just about raising rates but being creative in how we incentivize alternative transport.

The Parking Ratepayers Board is separate from the CSC and is a chancellor level committee with 2 faculty members, 2 staff members, and 2 student members. The Parking Ratepayers board reports directly to the Chancellor.

#### **Vote to endorsement of the Ratepayers Board Reformation Letter**

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### **Other Items (4:25-4:30)**