

Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 20th, 3:00-4:30 in Cheadle 5123

Attendance:

Voting Members:

Pam Lombardo, Bruce Tiffney, Matt O'Carroll, Roland Geyer, Eric Matthys, Constance Penley, Bill Shelor, Mark Brzezinski, David Auston, Nicholas Frey, Denise Stephens

Other: Mo Lovegreen, Matt O'Carroll, Katie Maynard, Thomas Sims

Absent voting members: Igor Mezic, Mel Manalis, Alex Regan, Karly Miller, Brit Ortiz

3:05-3:10 Announcement:

- a) New fellowships and CSC interns (Katie)

The UC global food initiative undergraduate fellows have been selected.

Rachel Rouse, will be working on an assessment of food security and accessibility for UC students, and the other two, Kate Parkinson and Emilie Wood, will be working with the PEPP group on the project to reduce post-consumer food waste in Campus Dining Commons.

3:10-3:15 Minutes:

- a) Review meeting min. from October (Bruce) --- unanimously approved

3:15-3:20 Updates:

- a) Summit (Jewel) ----- The conference was well attended and we received very positive feedback. We hope to restart meetings of the Renewable Energy Task force and use the momentum around CCA that came out of the summit.

3:20-3:40 Presentations/Discussion:

Global food initiative (Katie)

Timeline:

- Spring 2014 – UCOP gave us a heads up that the initiative was coming down the pipeline. At this point they started collecting feedback from each campus and in response a coalition was started at UCSB, only two other campuses started coalition like this, UCLA and UCD.
- Mid-June: UCGFI sub-committees were established and UCSB was named Chair/Co-Chair for 5 of the 23 sub-committees.
- July – UC announced the goal to “leverage its research and best practices to determine how to sustainably and nutritiously feed the world by 2025.”
- September - progress reports were due. 19 of 23 submitted a report and over \$500,000 of funding was allocated
- October - UCGFI Fellows Selected and Announced

Committee Projects:

- Food from the Sea Summit (Fisheries et al) (received \$23,000 in funding Food)
An inventory of current research across the campuses which we have used to develop an invitation list. The summit will be held on Feb 18th, Feb 19th, the goal is to share research and explore collaborations.

- The goals of the Swipes committee are to document best practices on how to bring swipes to campuses, decrease stigma of swipes program, and increase awareness. The committee is hoping to establish a swipes programs at every UC
- The Farmer's Market subcommittee co-chaired with UCS is documenting best practices in establishing farmers market. One of the big things they are focusing on is integrate food assistants programs into the markets and they are working on establish protocols for integrating EBT, WIC, and SNAP programs into farmers' markets.
- Sourcing from Small Growers --- Hosting a half day summit on December 3rd with Harvest Santa Barbara, Local Growers, UC Merced, & UC Santa Barbara. They will be using the summit as an opportunity to pull together information that will be used to develop a best practice manual. They are also looking at how this model may be transferred to other institutes outside of the University setting.
- Survey on Accessibility ----- A survey is being developed to determine the depth and breadth of food insecurity for UC students. Rachel Rouse is the fellow working on this.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- December 15th implementation plans are due. During this time committees have been invited to ask for additional funding for implementation.

Upcoming events:

- Associated students are hosting the CA Higher Education Food Summit over MLK weekend. The summit is open to students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Call for speaker proposals announcement has gone out and the registration announcement should be going out in the next week.

Our fellowships at UCSB are just for undergraduates because of the limited amount of funding allocated however subcommittees can ask for grad student funding.

3:40-4:30 committee Updates:

a) Alternative Energy – David Auston*

Two weeks ago the first meeting of fall quarter was held. Three items of significance were on the agenda:

- First was about a plan to install 4 MW of solar on our campus. The plan is to install solar on up to 6 sites through a power purchasing agreement (PPA). Jordan has done a wonderful job of showing that we can save money this way and we can take advantage of the 30% fed tax if we procure the solar through a PPA.
- Second topic --- talked about how the subcommittee will work in conjunction with the UC wide carbon neutrality initiative. We had a preliminary discussion of how we would proceed including exploring renewable energy and efficiency options on our campus. Stanford is working on a great energy efficiency project that Jordan is looking into. Most schools are heating and cooling at same time and if you couple these two processes you can save an enormous amount of energy. Stanford claims there project will save 80%

- There was also talk about options for renewable energy on our campus. Our first step is to layout possible options in one document. We also need to do some education about this goal; there is a lot that is not known. First goal will be a communications project. Looking at getting biomethane from Goleta waste water treatment plant was also discussed as an option for securing biomethane.

The new Coordination committee will be meeting next week to try to coordinate all of the work being done.

- b) Built Environment – Marc Fisher/Jordan Sager
Amorette is officially out on leave but work is still being done by other committee members and Amorette will be back in March or April.
- c) Communications
- d) Waste –Matt
A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and there will be a presentation on the resource recover facility that is being built and the anaerobic digester.
- e) Water – Matt*
Last year we reduced our water 21%. Some of the big efforts made include changing cycles of concentrations in the cooling-towers, and our educational campaign. This year we will be looking at introducing recycled water into the cooling tower in Elings hall and BIO II. We are also looking at replacing existing hydration stations with ones that don't provide RO water.
- f) Transportation
The transportation committee hasn't met but we are looking at merging the rate payer's board with this committee.
- g) Ecoalition (a coalition of 25 on campus institutions that are affiliated with sustainability)
This quarter Ecoalition focused on collaborative efforts and community building. Work was also done on some existing campaigns around solar and drought issues. What Ecoalition would like to become the voice of the students for the CSC.
- a) Academic working group
The working group is wrapping up the process of selecting CSC interns.

Additional items talked about that weren't on the agenda

- Climate call --- there will be call for proposals for climate initiatives from campuses. This partly came out of the research workshop that David Auston hosted at UCSB.
- Lawrence Livermore lab has proposed that site 300 be made available for prototyping wind and solar.
- UCOP will be giving some funding for the carbon initiative but it won't be large in terms of the grand scheme. The funding will be more symbolic than something that will make or break the initiative.
- Katie is on the student leadership committee and they have launched a campaign to educate students across the UC-system about the initiative. The committee is also collecting data about student engagement best practices system-wide.