



Chancellor's Campus Sustainability Committee
June 21, 2011
2:00-3:30 pm
Chancellor's Conference Room: Cheadle 5123



Agenda

1. Minutes – see backside (Bruce)
2. Announcements
 - a. Videoconferencing Live Interactive Demonstrations (Mo)
3. Action
 - a. Recommendation to Include Alternative Transportation in the Proposed Parking Fee Increases (Bruce)
 - b. Recommendation to Address Campus Pool Potable Water Loss (Jasmine)
 - c. Environmental Justice Policy (Evanne St. Charles)
 - d. Energy Goals (Mo/Steffen)
4. Discussion
 - a. CSC Membership for Next Year (Jasmine)
 - b. Review Campus Representatives for UCOP Sustainability Conference Calls (Jasmine)
5. Updates
 - a. Subcommittees' progress updates
 - i. Alternative Transportation Subcommittee: (Bruce)
 - ii. Alternative Energy Subcommittee: Energy Goals (Jasmine/Mo)
 - iii. Water Subcommittee: TGIF proposals, gray water, cooling towers (Mo)
 - iv. Communication: (Bill)
 - b. SB Community Sustainability Event - planning update (Jasmine)
6. Suggestions/ Feedback

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Members Present:

Bruce Tiffney, Chair
David Austin
Brit Ortiz
Evanne St. Charles
Henning Bohn
Bruce Kendall

Members Absent:

Ron Cortez, Chair
Mel Manalis
Joel Michaelsen
Constance Penley
Alan Heeger
Paolo Gardinali
Michael Chabinyc
Steffen Gauglitz
Anthony Rum

Advisors/Staff/Others

Present:

Marc Fisher
Jasmine Syed
Mo Lovegreen
Walter Kohn
George Foulsham
Bill Shelor
Amy Ramos

1. Minutes were approved as written.
2. Announcements
 - a. UCSB has won a Best Practice Award from the California Higher Education Conference in the category of Water Efficiency/Site Water Quality for our San Nicolas Wetland and Library Mall storm drain project.
 - b. Evanne St. Charles will speak at the conference as the UC student representative
3. Action
 - a. **Recommendation to Include Alternative Transportation in Parking Fee Increases-** The Ratepayers Board has submitted a proposal to the Chancellor to increase parking rates on a tiered structure to cover parking garage debt. CSC proposes to make a recommendation to the Chancellor to include alternative transportation into this fee increase. Our campus parking rates are among the least expensive in the UC system and have not increased in the past five years. TAP is currently unfunded; by adding \$3 more per parking tier (ABC tiers based on convenience and proximity), \$240,000 would be generated annually to fund alternative transportation programs, helping with the campus's overall greenhouse gas reduction goals and commitments to transportation planning. Parking rate increases were discussed at Tuesday's Senior Officers meeting with the Chancellor deciding that he will not act on the RPB proposal until CSC has submitted a proposal. The committee felt that the proposed CSC fee increase for alternative transportation needs consultation with the Ratepayers Board. Many pricing/financing models are still under consideration to close the parking & alternative transportation budget gap. Politically, parking rate increases are a sensitive issue at a time when salaries have stagnated and workload increased. Henning Bohn noted that parking rate increases are undesirable at a time when many faculty and staff have not received salary increases for several years and are burdened by rising contributions to pensions and UC health insurance. He suggested that alternatives to general rate increases be considered, for example:
 - i. Keeping the base price as is (tier C, \$36) and potentially adjusting fees on the priority parking permits.

- ii. The Chancellor may provide a subsidy to fund the parking debts instead of increasing parking rates.

CSC will re-draft a memo urging that the Chancellor put pressure on RPB to work jointly with CSC to come up with an allocation recommendation to address both parking needs and alternative transportation programming. CSC recommends that any parking rate increase should be tied to TAP. The joint recommendation from RPB and TAP should include an annual budget for each group and corresponding rate increases.

The campus needs to decide whether it wants to implement smaller incremental increases over a short period of time (similar to housing at roughly 3% per year), or implement a larger increase approach to avoid further increases in the near future. The Chancellor may decide to fund both projects from his monies to avoid staff and faculty backlash. Income generating departments like TPS will soon be burdened with UCOP taxes on administrative units projected near 10%. Historically, funds have been split between parking and alternative transportation 68/32. CSC proposes to keep this split. Any parking rate increases proposed by CSC will need to be vetted through the Academic Senate in the Fall. By policy, a 60-day notification is required after approving parking increases.

- b. **Recommendation to Address Campus Pool Potable Water Loss**- This recommendation will be drafted for action next meeting. The campus pool loses more than 1 million gallons of potable water per year (2,739 gallons per day), mainly due to infrastructure leaks. The upcoming purchase of a pool cover will address loss due to evaporation. Because of pervasive leaks, the pool must be constantly filled with potable water. With plans for a new pool on hold due to lack of funding, CSC will draft a recommendation to the Chancellor alerting him to the huge water waste occurring. Marc Fisher noted that repairs of the existing pool are too costly (roughly \$2.5 million) and not worth the campus investment. Ideally, ICA and Recreation can share the RecCen pool, allowing the campus pool to be closed. This memo should also be sent to Michael Young, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. If the Chancellor chooses to address this problem, the RecCen Governance board will need to vet options including finding a viable funding source for a new pool and closing existing campus pool.

4. Discussion

- a. **Environmental Justice Policy**- No comments have been received on the draft policy. The policy will be brought back to CSC for final approval on June 21st.
- b. **SUN update**- Marc Fisher presented a highlight summary of outcomes from the SUN agreement. Most stipulations on the university are stated as goals. The Chancellor will need to appoint an ex-officio SUN member to CSC upon approval of the LRDP by the Coastal Commission. Approval time is estimated one year out.
- c. **Feedback on CSC Subcommittee Structure**- during the 2010-11 year, CSC subcommittees on Transportation, Energy, Communication and Water have met regularly. A food subcommittee has been added for the 2011-12 year. This will return as a discussion item next meeting.
- d. **Summer Sub-Group Meetings**- CSC will not meet in July and August. It is up to the Chairs to decide whether the subcommittees will continue to meet.

5. Updates- Subcommittees

- a. Alternative Transportation Subcommittee
 - i. The Alternative Transportation Subcommittee- focused on alternative transportation budget letter/ parking rate increases (discussed above)
- b. Alternative Energy Subcommittee:
 - i. Discussed Proposed Energy Goals to be acted on next meeting. The goals state that our campus will strive for a total campus average energy density reduction of 8% based on a five-year rolling average. Additionally the goals state that the campus should strive for 43% of energy consumption to be from renewable sources by 2020 (10% above utility company goals). Comments/Suggestions: 1. Is this document for internal use? 2. Add emission target estimates into goals 3. Add how to achieve reduction goals. Response- target levels are still being determined. Specific figures should be referenced in the revision of our Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- c. Water Subcommittee: Working on implementing awarded TGIF Projects
- d. Communication:
 - i. Need to work on Communication Strategy Plan. The committee has met to share updates on various communication projects.
 - ii. Brochures- 3,400 have been given to orientation programs to distribute to each incoming student.
 - iii. Website- Planned launch in July. The Chancellor's whiteboard will also be integrated into the website.
 - iv. South Coast Sustainability Summit- For its inaugural year, the first summit will be small and focused on peer-to-peer staff perspectives. Governmental bodies include: City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara and City of Carpinteria. The half day event will take place in Loma Pelona on Thursday, October 13. RFP and Save-the-Date information has been sent out.
 - v. Videoconferencing- Citrix and WebX will give live demonstrations to CSC and IT reps. to determine which company best fits our needs. Once a decision's been made, Ron Cortez will draft a recommendation to UCOP to fund videoconferencing implementation throughout the UC system to reduce need for in-person traveling.