

Sustainability/Climate Action Committee

Friday, January 25, 2013, 2:30 pm
District Office – Conference Room 2

MINUTES

Members:

Scott Stark	X	Matthew Adams		Algie Au	
Aaron Beaver	X	Larry Cook	X	Kathleen Rowley	X
Miriam Williams		Maria Elena Diaz	X	Sergio Mendoza	X

- Approved November 30, 2012 Minutes
- **New Members**
 - Sergio Mendoza was introduced as a new student member representing Valley College. Discussion regarding student member to represent CHC- Larry and Sergio will contact CHC ASG and student trustee for candidate. Maria Elena mentioned the possibility of another member from District Office.
- **Communication Plan-Report Stark**
 - Scott reported conversations with the Chancellor, Jeremy Sims, and Craig Petinak regarding establishing an SBCCD main web page presence. All were positive and the actual technical procedure is quite simple. Establishing the categories, content, navigation, and links will require some thought as well as the commitment to maintain fresh content on both the main page and campus links. Discussed getting some exposure and promoting awareness via Academic and Classified Senates, ASG, College Council and other venues. Chancellor was positive and ready to include pieces in “Chancellors Chat” when we have something to report. Will schedule a meeting specifically to plan webpage architecture. Scott reviewed UCR sustainability webpage and programs online with the committee, as well as the Valley College sustainability webpage.
- **Recycling-Report Stark**
 - Scott investigated the recycling program at Valley College and discovered a savings of \$14,000 annually from the installation of trash compactors last year. Recycling however is not in place. Working with City of San Bernardino, savings by recycling is estimated at \$25,000 annually by shifting the majority of our waste to recycle bins, and reducing the number of pickups of non-recycle refuse. There are several components to establishing the program including putting the capacity in place to handle increased recycling product in form of dumpsters and recycle waste cans; custodial policy; communicating the program to staff, faculty, and students; and monitoring/adjusting the program as required. The program can yield additional savings via contract with companies who will haul

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away clean paper and cardboard at no cost, thereby reducing our pickups with the City.

- **Determine Organization and Focus of the Committee for this year**
 - Scott had conversation with John Cook, UCR Director of Technology. UCR has a very comprehensive sustainability program including both campus operations and research. Mr. Cook welcomed our team to visit UCR to see the nuts and bolts of their numerous programs, how they work, how they engage students, staff, and faculty, etc. He is willing to visit us and provide advice in our startup sustainability program.
 - Committee discussed an organizational plan to be successful. Larry proposed that success would be difficult trying to implement from a central office, but that campus level committees or sustainability working groups are necessary to really get things done. It was agreed that viable goals at Crafton might not be feasible for Valley and that there would be better commitment if goals were established at the site. District Sustainability Committee members could be the initial core of their respective campus or District Office site task group and be responsible to generate interest and grow. This District Sustainability Committee could meet less frequently in lieu of campus meetings. Committee also agreed that goals for this year should be limited to 1 or 2 achievable goals.

- **Assignment of tasks**
 - Set up UCR meeting-Stark
 - Discuss recycle RFP with Business Office-Stark
 - Outline organizational and communication plan with Chancellor's Cabinet-Stark

Pending Feedback from chancellor's Cabinet:

 - Outline organizational and communication plan with CHC management-Cook
 - Pursue candidate for CHC student committee member-Cook/Mendoza
 - Promote awareness through Valley College Senates/ASG-get on agendas soon-Rowley/Mendoza/Au/Stark/Beavor
 - Promote awareness through Crafton College Senates/ASG-Cook/Adams

- **Roundtable Comment/Input**
 - Scott asked Maria Elena to get Cenergistic to respond regarding assistance with our greenhouse gas data.

- **Next Meeting-TBD last week of February**