

Academic Affairs
Greening Initiative Core Team Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2010, 3:00 -4:30 p.m.
UN 277

Attendees: Best (Rec & Tourism Mgt), Bhongir (A.S. Environ. Affairs), Carpenter (Graduate Studies), Cox (Geography), Erickson (Institute), Pontikis (Family & Consumer Sci.), Signett (A.S. Recycling), Wilson (Facilities)

Guests: Spero Bowman (Academic Resources), Jean Porter (Academic Resources)

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes of February 19, 2010 were approved by consensus.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Cox announced Erickson's appointment as Administrative Analyst for the Institutes. Cox sent a Department of Agriculture grant to Wohldmann regarding farmer's markets. The deadline to apply is mid April. Carpenter mentioned that a professional grant writer, Shelley Bartenstein, works in Graduate Studies and can assist with the grant if needed.

III. RECYCLING CENTER

Signett reported that a feasibility study for a new recycling center was conducted by Terra Solutions. The full report is available on the Associated Students Recycling website. \$7,000 of student funds were spent on the study. The cost estimate for the center is \$1 million. \$500,000 (50%) will need to be secured through external funding sources. \$120,000 of student funds per year have been allocated for this project. Signett reported that A.S. currently receives a small amount of money from Valley Recycling Center for recycled materials. Cox raised the question of what the Green Core can do to increase recycling on campus. Wilson suggested that the Green Core release a statement of support for the project and to ask campus administrators to read the feasibility study. Bowman added that the Environmental Planning Board will need to approve any changes to the master plan. He suggested the A.S. general manager, David Crandall, the A.S. senate, and Donahue collaborate to create a proposal, which will then be presented to the Vice Presidents. Wilson emphasized that the creation of a new recycling center will create student employment and educational opportunities.

IV. SUSTAINABILITY MINOR CURRICULUM UPDATE

Cox reported that the minor will include three core courses and three electives (18 units total), will be housed in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and is scheduled to begin Spring 2011. Core courses will be cross-listed. Cox reported that the sustainability curriculum committee identified SLOs and developed two of the core courses. The third course is a business course which will consist of practical application of sustainability to address a client's problem. The minor is designed to be an umbrella structure to allow different colleges and departments to create sustainability tracks within it rather than creating individual sustainability programs across campus. The deadline to submit the proposal to APC is next week. The provost has offered to fund core courses next year. The committee will next begin working on a graduate program. Bhongir suggested informing students in PSY 426 (Erica's course) about the minor so they can

continue to take eligible courses. Once the program is approved, Wilson suggested informing students at new student orientation.

V. EARTH DAY PLANS

Bhongir reported that there will be an Earth Fair with 12 outside exhibitors and a Global Village, which will include culturally oriented clubs. The Fair will also feature alternative fuel vehicles. A.S. will be sponsoring a “Best Booth” competition for clubs and orgs. Booths will be judged based on: environmental theme, sustainable design, and creativity. There will also be a “Cash for Cans” competition. \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place to be awarded for each contest. Best suggested incorporating the A.S. Rec Outdoors “Leave No Trace” workshop. The film, “Wall-E” will be shown at 7 pm in housing.

Carpenter suggested advertising the garden, which was recently approved. Wilson mentioned that a work order will need to be submitted to PPM to direct water to the garden location. Bhongir will follow-up with Tom Brown regarding tours of the fuel cell. Cox will ask a student to conduct tours of the botanical garden and will follow up with Brenda Kanno. Green Core members were asked to schedule some time to be at the Institute booth. Bowman suggested asking DWP to conduct workshops. Erickson will provide Sheela with the contacts from Water Day to invite to the event. Cox also mentioned that we could show the NWF Chillout webcast during the day.

Bhongir reported that the St. Patrick’s Day PB&J campaign was a success. 209 people have pledged online to reduce their carbon footprint. The pledge will be on the EAC website until Earth Day. Erickson will post the pictures from the event on the Institute website.

VI. ORANGE GROVE PICKING DATES

Erickson reported that there are orange grove picks scheduled with Food Forward for April 22, June 6, and October 3. For the Earth Day pick, which will take place from 4-7pm, 50-60 volunteers are needed. Erickson will send an email to the listservs and Erica’s course seeking volunteers. Food Forward needs a confirmed list by April 5th and will invite volunteers from their database if there are not enough volunteers from CSUN.

VII. TRANSPORTATION SURVEY/TWG

Cox reported that the commute survey was sent last week and 1,000 people have responded. The preliminary results show a strong interest in carpooling and the creation of a transit center.

Cox reported that a bicycle compound will be built in the B3 structure. It will house 15-20 bikes, have security cameras, bike pumps and tools, and will have restricted access to those registered through the campus Police department. Depending on the response and usage, additional compounds may be built. Cox also reported that a student is currently mapping all the bike racks on campus and their usage. Best reported that A.S. Rec will be hosting a bicycle workshop in April.

Cox shared that Zimride presented to the TWG and they are currently looking into another rideshare program that offers AQMD reporting. The program, once implemented, will likely be operated by Public Safety. Bhongir shared information on Zimride with

Pacheco, who supports having a ridesharing program on campus. Zimride is \$9,000 a year for the license and the company will personalize it to the campus.

VIII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Cox reported that a representative from Gensler would like to present their sustainability-related research to the Green Core. Bowman suggested opening this presentation to the campus community. Pontikis expressed interest in having the presentation for his courses. Erickson will coordinate with Gensler and Pontikis.

Best reported that there was a flood in the campus housing, which damaged records needed for the water report. A graduate student is going to take this on as a capstone project. Per the discussion on recycling, Best plans to add a question to the survey regarding recycling in the dorms.

Next meeting: April 16th, 2:00 pm, UN 211

ACTION ITEMS

- Bhongir will follow-up with Tom Brown regarding tours of the fuel cell
- Cox will ask a student to conduct tours of the botanical garden and will follow up with Brenda Kanno
- Green Core members will schedule time to be at the Institute booth on Earth Day
- Erickson will provide Sheela with the contacts from Water Day to invite to Earth Fair
- Erickson will post the pictures from the event on the Institute website
- Erickson will send an email to the listservs and Erica's course to seek volunteers for the orange picking
- Erickson will coordinate Gensler presentation