

**Academic Affairs**  
**Greening Initiative Core Team Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2010, 3:00 -4:30 p.m.**  
**UN 211**

**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), Toker (URBS), Wilson (Facilities)

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

**I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> were approved by consensus.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bhongir announced an Eco Speaker event will be held Tuesday, April 20 from 3:30-4:30pm in the Lake View Terrace room of the USU. Also, the Pub will be sponsoring a "Meatless Monday" on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Erickson announced that a representative from Gensler will be presenting on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in SQ 104. She will email the electronic flyer for distribution.

Cox reported that the Whole Children, Whole Planet Expo will take place on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Arnos invited the Institute to have a booth at the event.

**III. I.S. REPORT**

• **CURRICULUM**

Cox reported that the sustainability minor proposal was approved by APC. It will now be reviewed by EPC in the Fall. If approved, it is scheduled to begin Spring 2011.

• **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Cox submitted a grant to the USDA for a farmers market on campus. If funding is provided, the Green Core will approach administration regarding its initiation.

• **STUDENT ASSISTANTS**

Cox reported that the Institute is currently seeking two student assistants; one position for office work and one for technical/website tasks. Cox asked members to submit recommendations.

• **CONFERENCES (WASC, UC/CSU/CC)**

Cox will be presenting at the WASC conference with Christina Mayberry (LIB) on Thursday, April 22.

Registration is now open for the CA Higher Education Sustainability conference. Cox submitted a proposal with Michaud for the analysis of the commuting survey.

Bhongir reported that Conor Lansdale, A.S. president elect, is presenting on the Metro transit subsidy. Best and Wilson are serving on the Water committee.

• **FACULTY ASSOCIATES**

Cox created a form to designate faculty associates connected with the Institute. It is currently awaiting approval from Penny Jennings. Cox will send the finalized form to the Green Core to apply.

#### **IV. FOOD GARDEN**

Porter reported that the first campus garden working day was held on Cesar Chavez day. They built three large, raised beds. They plan to plant in the fall. Erickson will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help maintain the garden at Earth Day.

#### **V. RECYCLING – FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Signett distributed copies of the A.S. Recycling Feasibility Report. The fees in Exhibit B-2 were estimated by Wilson. Exhibit C includes a proposed project schedule. The Recycling Center has been on campus since 1991, yet it is not part of the current Master Plan. The goal is to add campus recycling to the Master Plan. The existing center is located behind the Performance Hall, north of the USU. Wilson and Signett invited members to tour the existing area. The Institute for Sustainability will send a letter of support for the proposed recycling center to University administration. A.S. has approved \$100,000 a year for the Recycling Center, but additional financial support is required to design and construct the new Center. Signett reported that A.S. needs to have all the necessary funding prior to construction. Cox will meet with David Crandall, manager of A.S., to discuss options. Wilson suggested asking University Advancement to raise funds and added that the Student Recreation Center was paid by student fees, which may be an option to consider.

#### **VI. I.S. EARTH DAY PLANS**

Erickson distributed a sign-up sheet for members to schedule times to volunteer at the Institute booth. The Institute is creating a game where participants will identify sustainability features on campus from an aerial photo. Erickson and Cox will be creating flyers for the minor in sustainability, Sustainability Perspectives course, the orange picking, history of Earth Day, and sign-up sheets for the listservs. Cox reported that Kevin Ulrich, a Geography graduate student, will be conducting tours of the botanical gardens and trees on campus. He will coordinate with Roni Lopez from PPM.

#### **VII. A.S. EARTH DAY PLANS**

Bhongir reported that the event will take place on Bayramian Hall lawn and there will be 30 organizations at the Earth Fair. There will be a stamp game where each vendor gives participants a stamp and return the completed stamp card to the A.S. booth for a prize. A.S. will be giving away 250 reusable bags. Each vendor will be provided with a canopy and chairs. A.S. is working on getting water stations for people to fill their reusable water bottles from TUC. If they are unable to get these, A.S. will provide vendors with water bottles. The deadline for the “Cash for Cans” competition is Wednesday, April 21. All the proceeds will be donated to the SFV Habitat for Humanity.

#### **VIII. ORANGE GROVE PICKING**

Cox will contact Adam Siegal (Hillel), Motti, and Kevin Ulrich regarding assisting with the orange picking. Erickson is coordinating the orange pick and ensuring the proper documentation is submitted. She is working with SOVA, who will be at the orange groves at 3:30pm to set up and will bring 12-15 pickers and boxes.

#### **IX. TWG – UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES**

Cox reported that the bicycle compound in the B3 parking structure is complete. Astrid Logan recommended Ridelinks as a possible ridesharing company because of their AQMD compliance and the ability to do ridesharing and reporting. Ridelinks presented to the TWG on Thursday, April 15. Cox reported that the user interface is not as student friendly as Zimride, but is completely customizable. A one-year subscription to Ridelinks is \$6,000, Zimride is \$9,000. Parking Services may pay for this expense if they choose to use the service. If a program is selected, it will launch Fall 2010. Bhongir will present Zimride to the A.S. senate. She reported that Conor Lansdale is supportive of sustainability initiatives and alternative transportation specifically. Cox will invite him to attend Green Core meetings. Wilson suggested looking at UCLA's rideshare program. He will send Bhongir contact information.

## **X. SCUP REPORT**

Wilson reported that there were many informative presentations at the SCUP conference including green building and Climate Action Plans. He sent presentations via email to members. Wilson requested input for the new Master Plan.

## **XI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Bhongir reported that she included a question on the recent A.S. election survey which was completed by 1,689 students, regarding a \$5 per semester student fee for sustainability initiatives. The response was: Yes- 800, No- 889. Committee members suggested rephrasing the question for future surveys to see if a different response is received.

**Next meeting:** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm, SH 181

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Erickson will email Gensler flyer
- Cox will email Faculty Associates application
- Erickson will create a sign-up sheet for volunteers at Earth Day
- Cox will meet with David Crandall, manager of A.S. regarding Recycling Center
- Bhongir will present Zimride to the A.S. senate
- Cox will invite Conor Lansdale to attend Green Core meetings
- Wilson will send Bhongir contact information for UCLA's rideshare program
- Wilson requested ideas for the new master plan