



ASI Sustainability Committee Minutes

2014-2015:1 Friday, December 5, 2014 3:00-5:00 PM, BSC, 1st floor, Senate Chambers

I) Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at 3:03pm
- B) Quorum Check

Christine Zheng, ASI Secretary of Sustainability, Chair

Voting Members:

James Cox, ASI President
Colin Danahy, ASI Engineering Senator
Katarina Kushin, ASI ENV Senator – **Excused Absence**
Andrew Densmore, ASI BEAT Chair
Michael Adams, Student-at-Large
Leilani Schelstrate, Student-at-Large

Advisor:

Barnaby Peake, Director of the Bronco Student Center
Vacant, University Sustainability Official

- C) Agenda Changes
 - 1) Information Item - TGIF Updates will be included in Discussion Item - TGIF
- D) Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Minutes from May 30th, 2014 were approved as written by Christine, as chair
- E) Introduction of Guests
 - 1) Andrea Cendejas, ASI Attorney General, for TGIF
- F) Open Forum
 - 1) Colin announced Midnight Madness
 - 2) Michael shared some information about a new zero waste initiative for events by the Lyle Center

II) Action Item

- A) There were no action items.

III) Discussion Items

- A) Introduction
 - 1) Christine reviewed the change from Sustainability Board to Sustainability Committee
 - 2) Christine gave an introduction to the Sustainability Committee and its purpose
 - 3) Each member of the committee introduced themselves and their work, knowledge, and interests regarding sustainability
- B) TGIF
 - 1) Christine gave an overview of TGIF

- 2) Andrea shared details of the process that Rules and Policies went through in creating the policy for TGIF
 - 3) Andrea also shared information about the role that the Sustainability Committee and the sustainability chair will have in TGIF
 - 4) Michael shared a template that could be used to give out flyers, post online, or send out to students
 - 5) James suggested they connect with Jasmine Andino and present about TGIF at the next inter-council meeting
 - 6) Leilani presented a sustainable option to get the information about TGIF out on campus by creating short videos about what TGIF is and different events/projects that can be done with funding from TGIF
 - 7) Andrea recommended getting together with MDPH to explore their options especially since they have access to the ASI social media accounts
 - 8) Michael also pointed out that CPP Sustainability Collaborative meetings are a great place to get the information to the people who are the most involved in sustainability on campus
- C) Bike Week
- 1) University Housing Services, Parking and Transportation Services, and other outlets on campus will be collaborating to give out bike lights during bike week and promote cyclist and pedestrian safety
 - 2) Michael shared that the predominate coordinators of Bike Week will be getting together over winter break to begin planning for this year if anyone wanted to be a part of the early planning stages. He also gave details about last year's event where they gave out bike lights, information about the excess bike lights, and the bike shop in the marketplace.
- D) Earth Week
- 1) Christine explained that actual Earth Week is the same week as Greek Week and a large job fair so she reserved University Park for the week before
 - 2) Michael encouraged Christine to reach out to green team and start planning early so they don't plan events for actual Earth Week when all the other events are happening on campus
- E) Other Potential Projects
- 1) Colin shared information about trying to get a rePLANET location on campus
 - (a) Discussion took place regarding issues that will have to be looked into
 - 2) James suggested an initiative to get rid of plastic bags on campus
 - (a) Discussion took place regarding alternatives to plastic bags, people to contact at Foundation, and how they will deal with the food locations that aren't controlled by Foundation
 - 3) Barny wanted to work on an educational campaign to present and promote the sustainable practices throughout the BSC and the BRIC
 - 4) James talked about a litter campaign and possibly providing a resource for student to dispose of electronic items, batteries especially
 - 5) Barny suggested the sustainability of events be more thoroughly looked at
 - 6) Michael suggested a gray-water system for toilets
 - (a) Barny explained that they did look into a more sustainable water system for toilets when building the BRIC but the maintenance and water used to clean something like that ended up not saving much water
 - 7) Michael also suggested adding hand-sanitizers to bathrooms in addition to the sinks
 - 8) Barny suggested expanding and getting more information on the Lyle Center's photo campaign for sustainability
 - 9) Christine began delegating projects/events to members to get more information, research, and contacts
- F) Winter Quarter Schedules
- 1) Christine requested everyone email her their schedules so she can plan next quarters meeting

IV) Information Items

A) CPP Sustainability Collaborative Meeting

- 1) Christine is going to share the google calendar of all the sustainability club events and meetings with the committee
- 2) Christine will work with the members to plan a date to attend the meeting and present about TGIF
- 3) Christine asked if there were any changes that she should make to the questionnaire that clubs will be filling out when requesting funds from TGIF
 - (a) Michael suggested changing #6 to read “your organization is not allowed to seek funding from both the Finance Committee and the Sustainability Committee for the same project”

V) Adjournment

- A) Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm
- B) Next Meeting: To be announced