



ASI Sustainability Committee Minutes

2014-2015:4 Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 3:00-4:00 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 – **Excused Absence**
Colin Danahy, ASI Engineering Senator
Katarina Kushin, ASI ENV Senator
Andrew Densmore, ASI BEAT Chair
Michael Adams, Student-at-Large
Leilani Schelstrate, Student-at-Large – **Excused Absence**

Advisor:

Barnaby Peake, Director of the Bronco Student Center – **Excused Absence**
Vacant, University Sustainability Official

C) Agenda Changes

- 1) There were no agenda changes.

D) Approval of Minutes

- 1) Minutes from February 10th, 2015 were approved as written by Christine, as chair

E) Introduction of Guests

- 1) Emily Creegan – Green Team
- 2) Josh Andino - Green Team
- 3) Dan Yuhasz - Green Team, Advisor

F) Open Forum

- 1) Colin gave an update on his discussion with Aaron Neilson regarding rePlanet. rePlanet only works with grocery stores currently however, they did suggest other companies that work with college campuses.

II) Action Item

- A) There were no action items.

III) Discussion Items

A) Green Team

- 1) Green Team representatives gave a presentation on their project to develop and implement a compost program on campus including details on:
 - (a) What composting is
 - (b) Steps they have already taken and will take in the future to implement the program on campus

- (c) Goals of the compost project
- (d) Timeline for developing the project
- (e) Collaboration with Burrtec
- (f) Benefits of utilizing a 3 bin, compost included, system
- (g) Maintenance and training associated with the compost system
- (h) Marketing
- (i) Walkthrough of the budget
- (j) Schools visited by the Green Team who participates in composting
- 2) Question and answer session took place including:
 - (a) Established programs on campus – Los Olivos and Collins College
 - (b) Foundation contributions to the program – Foundation will be purchasing the 3-bin trash bins by this summer
 - (c) Clarification on which bins will be purchased and which would be most utilized by students and dining on campus
 - (d) Costs of maintenance including the bags that would be used in the bins
 - (e) Revising the budget to more accurately reflect the costs
 - (f) Connecting with housing
 - (g) Different financing options
 - (h) Restrictions on the funds
 - (i) Timeline of the process to get the funding
 - (j) Next steps for the Green Team
- 3) Barny provided a brief update on the status of the TGIF process, which is still being developed and written by Rules and Policies, focusing on the possibility of having groups go straight to the ASI Senate after getting approval from the Sustainability Committee which would shorten the amount of time the process would take.
 - (a) Discussion took place on the purpose of having groups requesting TGIF money required to go through the Finance Committee when the project has already been recommended by the Sustainability Committee and simply needs confirmation from the ASI Treasurer that the budget is correct

B) Bike Week

- 1) Michael announced there would be a meeting on Friday, February 27th to discuss Bike Week

C) Website

- 1) Christine announced that the Sustainability Committee webpage on the ASI website went live with some of the basic contact information but they will continue working on the development of the webpage

D) Human Powered Vehicle (HPV)

- 1) Christine explained that the questionnaire from HPV was attached and requested the committee review it and come up with questions for when they are able to present to the Sustainability Committee
- 2) This group's request raised the question of how the committee will handle requests when the groups are putting on projects or events that happen to be sustainable but sustainability wasn't the goal
- 3) Andrew shared an update about upcoming BEAT events

IV) Information Items

- A) There were no information items.

V) Adjournment

- A) Meeting was adjourned at 3:55
- B) Next Meeting: TBA