



## Sustainability Committee Minutes

2015-2016:4 Thursday, December 03, 2015, 12:00 – 2:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Senate Chambers Conference Room

### I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at 12:05pm
- B) Quorum Check

#### *Voting Members:*

- Elliott Popel, ASI Secretary of Sustainability, Chair
- Julian Herrera, President **Excused Absence**
- Brenda Calderon, ASI BEAT Chair **Excused Absence**
- Brandon Whalen, ENV Senator
- Michael Sandoval, ASI CEIS Senator
- Yesenia Pereyra, Student-at-Large **Excused Absence**
- Peter McGuire, Student-at-Large

#### *Advisors:*

- Barnaby Peake, Director of the Bronco Student Center
- Monika Kamboures, University Sustainability Coordinator

- C) Approval of Minutes
  - 1) Minutes from November 12, 2015 were approved as written by Elliott, as chair

Elliott added Agenda Changes as they were not included in the original agenda:

- D) Agenda Changes
  - 1) Discussion Item A Review of TGIF
  - 2) Discussion Item C Scheduling Committee Meetings for 2016 – Friday, 10AM to 12PM
  - 3) Information Item B Aaron Neilson, Director of Dining Services, Foundation Inc. will be providing updates on College of Agriculture Produce, Real Food Challenge Update, Los Olivos Garden, CCMP Composting Project with the Green Team
  - 4) Agenda was approved as amended by Elliott, as chair
- E) Introduction of Guests
  - 1) Aaron Neilson, Director of Dining Services, Foundation Inc.
  - 2) Emily Creegan, Greek Team, President
  - 3) Hannah Brunelle, ASI, Graduate Assistant
  - 4) Theary Monh, CSSA, Sustainability Officer
  - 5) Alexia Mackey, CRS/IHC, CRS Senator
- F) Open Forum
  - 1) Peter McGuire - updated the Sustainability Committee on Bike Week. He spoke with members from the bicycle coalition, and as of now they do not have a team or committee set-up to organize Bike Week. The coalition plans to form a committee during winter break, and want to work alongside the Sustainability Committee.

## II. Action Item

- A) There were no action items

## III. Discussion Item

### A) Review of TGIF

- 1) Elliott informed the committee of the changes that were made to the TGIF Guidelines
- 2) Brief discussion took place in regards to Access to Funds in the TGIF Guidelines and if this was incorporated to help fund non-registered clubs.
  - (a) Elliott clarified Access to Funds for non-registered clubs by explaining number 3. Other Applicants sub-section a.
- 3) Elliott informed the committee that these guidelines will become an Action Item during the first meeting of winter quarter.
- 4) Barny explained that The Green Initiative Fund Application Guidelines only need to be shared with Finance. These guidelines do not need to go through any other committee unless they really wanted Sustainability Committee to present it to them.
- 5) Brief question and answer session took place:
  - (a) Emily asked if registered clubs are allowed to apply for TGIF more than once – Elliott shared that this document is being drafted to answer those types of questions.
  - (b) Emily also asked if there is a funding limit to TGIF – Elliott responded that there are other documents that go alongside this document that provide that information.
  - (c) Emily lastly, mentioned that she presented to Senate with the Green Team to get funding from TGIF, and no response has been given to her. – Barny explained that it was never approved, because the committee was still awaiting information. When it came to the Sustainability committee there were still unanswered questions they had.
- 6) Discussion took place in regards to the timeline these guidelines would take. If it would be taken to Finance and go through discussion and then action? Or could it be taken straight to action and be taken to Senate?
- 7) Theary gave a brief description of The Greenovation Fund, sponsored by the California State Student Association (CSSA):
  - (a) You fill out an application for your club on the CSSA website.
  - (b) The deadline to fill out the application for your club was November 23, 2015.
  - (c) The Greenovation Fund is through CSSA not ASI.
  - (d) Greenovation can fund up to \$2,000 yearly.

### B) Bronco Zero Waste Program

- 1) Barny explained the Bronco Zero Waste Program:
  - (a) Last year there was a project a student from the Lyle Center did as there senior project on having zero waste events specifically at the athletic games. They did a composting and recycling scenario, and they are requesting to get bins so that they can do this on a regular basis. All events would become zero waste, and they have set aside funding for student staff to help coach

people in which bins there trash should be recycled in. The bins will have logos on them including ASI, and they will be made from recycled material. They are requesting \$15,000 to fund this project.

(b) Barney said that ultimately it is up to the committee if they agree with this project, and recommend this to Finance and then Senate.

C) Scheduling Committee Meetings for 2016 – Friday, 10AM to 12PM

1) Elliott thanked everyone for completing the doodle, and the results showed that everyone was open on Friday from 10am-12pm.

2) Elliott asked if the committee would like to meet the first week of January 8<sup>th</sup> or the second week on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

(a) The committee agreed to commence there meetings on January 8, 2016.

D) Sustainability Open Forum

1) Elliott provided the committee with Sustainability Open Forum updates:

(a) Elliott suggested moving up the date of the Forum to allow more time to advertise and hopefully it will result in a greater turn out. Possibly the date would be moved up to Thursday, January 28, 2016, and the forum would be relocated from the original location.

(b) He also shared a draft of the poster they plan to use to advertise the Open Forum.

#### **IV. Information Item**

A) Goals for Winter 2016

1) Alternative Transportation Expo

(a) Elliott stated that the Bike Club might or might not be involved in the Alternative Transportation Expo, but Sustainability can take on this project alone if necessary.

2) Update ASI's Sustainability Website

(a) Elliott shared that there is a need to update ASI's Sustainability Website.

3) Prepare for Green Career Day

(a) Elliott suggested assigning sub-committees to prepare for Green Career Day.

(b) He went to the Career Center, and they are having their spring career day the same week as Earth week. The Career Center suggested that after their event is over Sustainability could have some type of luncheon. This will give students the opportunity to network with employers that attend career week.

4) Discussion took place on to what employers they would include as part of their luncheon.

5) Brandon suggested another possible goal for the winter which could be increasing awareness and advertising for TGIF.

(a) Elliott suggested that they could advertise during Open Forum, but he would also like to go present to different clubs and inform them about TGIF.

(b) Discussion also took place about utilizing MDPR to create advertising material in regards to TGIF.

B) Aaron Neilson, Director of Dining Services, Foundation, Inc.

1) College of Agriculture Produce

- (a) Aaron informed the committee that Dining Services is pushing for the use of produce from the College of Agriculture for their operations.
- 2) Real Food Challenge Update
  - (a) Aaron shared that the Real Food Challenge is a student driven organization the committee could look them up @ <http://www.realfoodchallenge.org/>. The chancellor of the CSU system has signed off that all of the food services within the CSU will have 20% of their purchases be real food as defined by the Real Food Challenge group.
- 3) Los Olivos Garden
  - (a) They have a garden that gets critters, and it was suggested to get raise beds.
- 4) CCMP Composting Project with the Green Team
  - (a) The Green Team has a couple of students doing pre-consumer composting.

**V. Adjournment**

- A) Next Meeting: Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:00am-12:00pm, BSC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Perseus
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm