



## Sustainability Committee Minutes

2015-2016:9 Friday, April 01, 2016, 10:00AM – 12:00PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers Conference Room

### I. Preliminaries

- A) Call to Order at 10:04am
- B) Quorum Check

#### *Voting Members:*

- Elliott Popel, ASI Secretary of Sustainability, Chair
- Nyla Simjee, Designee for ASI President
- Brenda Calderon, ASI BEAT Chair
- Brandon Whalen, ENV Senator
- Michael Sandoval, ASI CEIS Senator **Absent**
- Peter McGuire, Student-at-Large **Tardy**
- Hannah Brunelle, Student-at-Large **Excused Absence**

#### *Advisors:*

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

- C) Agenda Changes
  - 1) There were no agenda changes
- D) Approval of Minutes
  - 1) Minutes from March 04, 2016 were approved as written by Elliott, as chair
- E) Introduction of Guests
  - 1) Alexia Mackey, Green Team, Organizer/Member
  - 2) Theary Monh, CSSA, Sustainability Officer
- F) Open Forum
  - 1) Monika Kamboures – provided the committee with information regarding Second Nature and the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). She informed them of new changes they are going through in regards to Carbon and Resilience Commitment. This is relevant due to the fact that the campus is considering incorporating both the Carbon and Resilience Commitment. She also provided additional information regarding where the campus stands now on their Carbon Commitment.
  - 2) Brandon Whalen – encouraged everybody to attend the Open Forums for VP of Administrative Affairs on Tuesday April 5, 2016, Heritage Room, located in the CLA Building. Continuing Wednesday April 6, 2016, Heritage Room, CLA Building and Thursday April 7, 2016, Heritage Room, CLA Building. Brandon added that the organization Move LA is gathering letters of support to be emailed to the chair of the CA State Assembly to support AB2222. He provided additional details on what AB2222 is, and will forward everybody an email if they are interested in drafting a letter in support of AB2222.

### II. Action Items

- A) No Action Items

### III. Discussion Items

- A) Progress Reports on Earth Week
  - 1) Elliott shared a brief report of all the events that will be taking place during Earth Week.

- 2) Elliott walked the committee through the Career Centers website, and shared who will be attending the Career Fair.
    - a) He also shared after the Career Fair they will have a networking event in the Quad with the Green Environmental Industries. They will be giving them a \$10 Poly Trolley coupon.
    - b) Elliott informed the committee that at this time they only have 4 companies who have signed up.
  - 3) Theory gave an update on the Climate Summit. He shared with the committee guests that will be on their panel:
    - a) Denise Lawrence, Regenerative Studies
    - b) Boykin Witherspoon, Water Resource and Policy Initiative
    - c) Doran Barnes , Executive Director Foothill Transit
    - d) Megan Smith, Principal Planner at the Chancellors Office
      - i. Theory and Brandon shared additional details that will be taking place during the event.
  - 4) Alexia shared details on the different events Green Team will be hosting during Earth Week.
  - 5) Hannah was not able to attend the meeting, and Brandon shared some details she wanted him to share on her behalf:
    - a) Tasks to delegate:
      - i. Brandon shared there will be an article in the Poly Post for Earth Week, highlighting Take Back the Tap and project compost, partnership with Green Team and Foundation. Volunteers should contact Hannah via email with details.
      - ii. He informed the committee communication with Dave Flores is necessary for Coffee and Carpool, and about parking for vendors. Contact me and Theory for details.
      - iii. Brandon also noted T-shirts from MDPR already have quote. Contact Hannah via email with details to continue the process.
      - iv. Lastly, he shared they need to contact MDPR to reserve iPads for Take Back the Tap survey.
    - b) Volunteers:
      - i. Brandon told the committee Hannah would like them to fill out a Google form, to get volunteers for Earth Week. She currently has 5 responses and will be contacting volunteers with tasks the following week.
      - ii. Brandon shared that Hannah also asked if senators would communicate with their respective college deans to distribute Take Back the Tap surveys to students.
      - iii. Lastly, he noted that she also asked if they committee knew of any local businesses or organizations that may be interested in coming to our campus during Earth Week. If so, please e-mail Hannah with any details.
  - 6) Brenda shared updates on Earth Week's fashion show, and she shared the Fashion Society will collaborate with them.
    - a) She noted the Games Room will have a \$1 thrift sale.
    - b) She added they will contact the Children's Center and display their artwork.
- B) Update on Bronco Zero Waste
- 1) Barny shared an update on the Bronco Zero Waste Program. He noted that ASI and Athletics are on board. The quoted price was still valid and now it just needs to go through Finance.

- C) Tabling for Earth Week and TGIF
  - 1) Elliott explained that he would like to do tabling events for Earth Week and help promote the event.
    - a) He shared he would like to do two tabling events one the week of 4/4-4/8 and 4/11-4/15.
    - b) The committee discussed possible dates and times they are available for tabling.
    - c) Elliott noted he would send a doodle to coordinate dates and times.
- D) Walk Through of TGIF, Part 1 – Identifying Red Flags
  - 1) Elliott stated he wanted to do a walkthrough of The Green Imitative Fund and identify any red flags. He explained the purpose of identifying any problems is so that when it is displayed on their website they ensure everything is clear to understand.
    - a) Brandon shared they could have an informal lecture where they could do a mock trial of what clubs need to do when requesting funding.
    - b) Elliott asked the committee if the TGIF Worksheet is useful when a club or individual requests funding.
      - a) Nyla shared she agrees with the worksheet because it provides a rubric and allows them to work with the Sustainability Secretary.
      - b) The committee agreed to remove the area where it states “ASI Secretary of Sustainability’s use only”.
      - c) The committee discussed the steps a club or individual needs to take in regards to their budget.
      - d) They committee continued their discussion on how to reword the TGIF Worksheet.
  - 2) Elliott will bring a new copy of the TGIF worksheet with the committee’s suggestions.

#### **IV. Information Items**

- A) No Information Items

#### **V. Adjournment**

- A) Next Meeting: Friday, April 15, 2016, 10:00am-12:00pm, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers Conference Room
- B) Meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm