# Sustainability Committee Agenda/Notes



Mar 9th, 2022

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**MEMBERS:** CO-Chairs: Megan Moscol & Aline Gregorio Management: Larry Lara, [vacant seat] Faculty: Kristen Shedd, Josh Ashenmiller, Sergio Banda, JP Gonzalez Classified: [vacant seat], Marwin Luminarias Associated Students: Sheree Brewster, Lilly Avila, Roberto Mendoza Staff: Tyler Deacy

#### **REPORTS**

- Student Reports
- Faculty Reports
- Classified Reports
- Manager Reports
  - Tyler Deacy: Energy audit and solar feasibility studies are to be completed soon. These reports could yield a strategic direction for the sustainability plan.
    - Faculty need to follow up with Tyler to discuss how to approach the academic credits on STARS
    - Most STARS credits data gathering are either complete or underway
  - Larry Lara, meter installation board approved
  - Megan, additional EV charging on campus being explored
    - 50 charging ports currently, NOrth side of Chapman
    - looking to potentially 44+, still working out lots of details with access and funding

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Sustainability Administrative Procedure, AP 3580 [Aline, information]
  - Board of Trustees Meeting (forward to 1:05:30): <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Af0nLnjz4dE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Af0nLnjz4dE</a>
  - b. Divestment in District Policy
    - NOCCCD sustainability chair's meeting: consensus of a mention to sustainable investment practices in reference to existing investment policies. Suggestion to edit current investment policies.
    - ii. Next up: meeting with Fred Williams to discuss how STARS can provide language/standards for sustainable investment practices
- 2. Divestment Resolutions [Aline, information]
  - a. Ad Fac, DMA, CSA
  - b. Faculty Senate, Spring 2022
    - i. meeting with Zoot Velasco, Fall 2021.
    - ii. Senate presentation TBD
      - Resolution approved by the committee to be edited to simply point foundation to "sustainable investment practices according to Carbon Trackers". Without the committee objections, this edited resolution will be recommended to Senate. Josh & Aline are working on this.
- 3. Committee's document repository: Teams [Aline, information]

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Southern California Divestment Network: New/Past Developments [Aline, information]
  - a. Support for SB-173, Fossil Fuels Divestment Act, would require that the country's two largest pensions, CalPERS and CalSTRS, to divest from fossil fuels. The bill is sponsored by California Faculty Association as well as Fossil Free California and has the support of 40 organizations including CTA's Oakland Educators Association. Here is the <u>Fact Sheet</u> and <u>Bill Language</u>.
  - b. FC, Mt Sac, SMC, LA schools & "Routes to Divestment" conference
  - c. Sacramento State Sustainability Symposium about Teacher Pensions on Feb 9th, 4-6:30pm about teacher divestment, recording available here: <a href="https://csus.zoom.us/rec/share/gwTbHDjnaRYkwSrSH9FW1EF8">https://csus.zoom.us/rec/share/gwTbHDjnaRYkwSrSH9FW1EF8</a> IhaWaJpdr2 7n3XdFnMviYSvZQJ8OVcUjFpRuRc.V7fTco3wKYfT7RVS

- UF already adopted a Divestment resolution. Committee members are encouraged to sign the petition and share, in support of SB-173 that is being voted at CTA on March 25th.
- UF will be encouraged to send a state delegate to CTA to support the measure.
- 2. Cultural Programming, Possible Structures: [Megan, information]
  - a. Staff Development, Channeling existing AASHE Programming
  - b. Model Structure: NOCCCD faculty fellowship cultural programming
  - c. Model Structure: Mindful Growth Initiative, "Mindful Mondays"

Do we design a recommendation to return to a vote on April 12th?

This discussion was centered on ideas of which models are best to institutionalize support for sustainability cultural programming. Sheree and Aline will investigate on the kinds of budget/support allocated for Mindful Growth Initiative - perhaps that model can be a precedent for a Sustainability Initiative? Committee members were prompted to investigate possible frameworks and proposals for the committee.

- 3. AP -> Sustainability Plan [Megan, information]
  - a. Media/Publications staff to design a public facing plan from the AP

Do we design a recommendation (to return for a vote on April 12th)?

This discussion was centered on ideas of how to best produce a Sustainability Plan: 1) budgeting for an external contractor, 2) budget for a professional expert working for Campus Communications? A Sustainability Plan is a reference planning document and could be produced from the re-packaging of the AP with or without the STARS assessment.

Marwin mentioned that he could help in modernizing the website, along with Tyler.

Aline will upload examples of Sustainability Plans onto Teams. Aline will reach out to Campus Communications about an Instagram Post of the recent "President's Weekly" news piece on sustainability.

- 4. California Environmental Protection Agency Grants [Aline, information] <a href="https://calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/funding/">https://calepa.ca.gov/envjustice/funding/</a>
  - This grant seems to be an ongoing grant for environmental justice work by non profit organizations looking to develop projects that promote environmental justice at the community level. At a maximum of \$50,000, the EAP just closed its 2021 grant applications cycle. Stay tuned for 2022 cycle!
- Mapping Environmental Disadvantage, Geography Department & OIRE [Aline, info]. Possible recommendations (to be presented to SC on April 12th)
   This presentation is scheduled for April 12, 2022.
- 6. Aline's sabbatical: Fall 2022

Aline needs a temporary replacement as a co-chair of the committee. The committee was asked to consider how it wants to move forward. We can either: a) have a committee member step up as the co-chair and a temporary faculty member fill an at-large faculty seat or b) have a temporary faculty co-chair for Fall 2022.

- 7. Next PAC update: Tuesday, March 9th 2pm [information]
  - a. AP
  - b. Divestment
  - c. Future communication: proposal for a sustainability plan
  - d. Future communication: proposal on an embedded framework for cultural programming of sustainability events

## **THOUGHTS/DIRECTIONS FOR Spring 2022**

- 1. Sustainability Literacy Survey to be conducted in Fall?
- 2. Engagement
  - a. FC Environmental Scholars: Climate Webinar Series
  - b. Earth Day Symposium
  - c. Ongoing cultural programming outside of these groups

NEXT MEETING ----->>> April 12th, 2022<<<

Three items to return to the table:

- 1) Frameworks for cultural programming
- 2) What budget/model to propose for the development of a Sustainability Plan (with our without results of STARS assessment?)
- 3) Aline's sabbatical
  - a) does faculty member in the committee want to co-chair for Fall 2022?
- 4) OIRE & Geography presentation