Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2010

I. Call to Order: Chair Aydin calls meeting to order at 6:12pm

II. Roll Call
   Members Present: Sezy Aydin, Jamie Heldt, Stephanie James, Heather Harbeck
   Absent Members: Raviteja Chirala
   Guests: Thomas Candelario, Joe Tafoya, Rafee Khan

III. Consent Calendar
   A. Approval of Agenda
      Motion: (Heldt) to approve agenda.
      Motion Carries.
   B. Approval of Minutes of 1/15/10
      Motion: (James) to approve Minutes of 1/15/10.
      Motion Carries.

IV. Special Presentation: None

V. Public Discussion:
   Joe Tafoya, Director of University Union voices his concern over the Recycling situation at the University Union. He brings up the idea of buying recycling and compost containers at the UU besides the actual trash cans. Tafoya also mentions that he is looking forward to working closely with the Environmental Affairs Committee.

VI. Action Calendar:
   A. New Business:
      1. New Director:
         Chair Aydin briefly introduces herself as the new Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee and is looking forward to working with the committee members.

         2. Zero Waste Events:
            Chair Aydin yields the floor to Heldt who highlights the following:

            "Students working for Students!"
• Ethnic Studies Department and Theta Lambda Psi sorority want to do this event with an artist called Fobi Onna from Berkeley.
• It is a one day event scheduled for April 14, 2010.
• Ethnic Studies Dept. will be paying for her travel.
• The Artist wants to have an organic luncheon and also wants to display some of her art pieces. Her main goal is to have it yearly.
• Speaker’s List: Aydin, Heldt and James.

Motion: (Heldt) to approve the involvement of Zero Waste Event on April 14, 2010. Harbeck
Motion Carries.

3. Earth Week: 4/19 – 4/23
Chair Aydin opens the floor to discussion. James states that the committee needs to discuss their visions for Earth Week. James also mentions that she discussed with the Diversity Center and prepared a list of events for the Earth Week. Heldt mentions that the committee needs to start planning on the Earth Week events. James quickly updates the committee on Environmental Affairs Committee’s upcoming projects like Farmers Market etc. Chair Aydin urges the committee members to come with ideas on Earth Week at the next Environmental Affairs Committee.

Q & A Session: Khan

4. Water Efficiency:
Chair Aydin highlights the following:
• The main idea is to save water on campus.
• Gives example of water efficient toilets in CSU, San Francisco.
• Asks the committee members to do their research and come up with various ideas.
• James suggests that the committee should consider this issue after taking care of the current projects.
• Other ideas on water efficiency were discussed by the committee members.

B. Unfinished Business:
1. Recycle Bins:
Chair Aydin opens the floor to discussions. James mentions that she met with
AED Lara regarding this issue. The committee members also discuss the placement of bins in the Union Buildings. The price of the bins ranges from $150.00 - $500.00. There was a lengthy discussion among the committee members.

Speaker's List: Aydin, Heldt, Khan and James. + Harbeck

VII. Round Table Remarks:

- **James**: states that she's pushing to get environmental projects done in a timely manner. After the meeting, we will attend the Senator Corbett Conference on Budget cuts.

- **Heldt**: inquires if the Environmental Affairs committee has any control over the Recycling facility in the dorms. James responds by saying that we have Housing Liaison, Bobby Rogers on the Board and any change recommended by the committee can be brought up in the Board Meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: (Aydin) to adjourn the Environmental Affairs Meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion Carries.

Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Sezy Aydin

Minutes Approved On:
03/13/10

Date

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