Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for April 26th, 2010

I. Call to Order: Chair Aydin calls meeting to order at 4:21pm

II. Roll Call
   Members Present: Aydin, Sezy, Heather, Raviteja, Sana
   Absent Members: Stephanie James
   Guests: Christopher Prado

III. Consent Calendar
   A. Approval of Agenda
      Motion: (Moghul) to approve agenda.
      Motion Carries.
   B. Approval of Minutes: none

IV. Special Presentation: None

V. Public Discussion:

VI. Action Calendar:
   A. New Business:
      1. Community Garden:
         Chair Aydin mentions that she will be meeting with Dr. Culvo at the Ethnic Studies Department. All committee members are welcome to join depending on availability. All will be planning the community garden. Chair Aydin asks for suggestions from committee members regarding the location of the community garden. The committee discusses the idea of compost bins and Harbeck mentions a company from Alameda called stopwaste.org. Chair Aydin mentions that she will also talk to the Science Department, the Environmental Studies and Geography Department who’s willing to work with the committee on the community garden.

      2. Environmental Affairs Blog:
Chair Aydin mentions that the Environmental Affairs Blog is ready and she is the admin for the Blog with the username and password for it. She states that if any of the members want to post something, please email it to her first. Prado, Director of Public Affairs mentions some good practices of using the Blog.

3. Recycle Drive:
Chair Aydin mentions that she would want to have a recycle Drive where students bring in their recyclable stuff and get something in exchange. Harbeck mentions that they had planned something similar but the program was not a success. Harbeck mentions that the programs like this need to be supported by Pioneer Heights. Chair Aydin mentions that she will get in touch with Housing and talk to them about the Recycle Drive. There was a lengthy discussion among the committee members. Chair Aydin mentions that she attended a workshop at CHESS with Anna Franklin who works with Green Campus and is hopeful to have Green Campus at CSUEB for a more sustainable future.

B. Unfinished Business:
1. Recycle Bins:
Chair Aydin mentions that James is working with AED Lara on recycle bins.

2. Spring Fest:
Chair Aydin mentions that she has been talking to VP Andres on this item. VP Andres has stated that the Internal Affairs Committee is still working on the Spring Fest plans and eventually will inform Environmental Affairs Committee about the to date planning of the event. The date of the event is June 5, 2010. Chair Aydin announces the “No Fee: It’s for Free BBQ” on Wednesday, May 12th, 2010, and all are invited to please drop by. Following Spring Fest, the committee discusses various issues that need to be taken care of on campus; namely energy efficiency of Science Building, pool covers, solar panels, print outs taken out by student, ways of making our campus more sustainable, etc.
Speaker’s List: Chirala, Aydin, and Harbeck

VII. Round Table Remarks: none

VIII. Adjournment
Motion: (Harbeck) to adjourn the Environmental Affairs Meeting at 5:34 pm. Motion Carries.

Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
Name: Sezy Aydin

Minutes Approved On: 05/10
Date

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