Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2009

I. Call to Order: Environment Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 12:18 pm.

II. Roll Call
Present
Thao Nguyen, Chair
Evelyn Aleridge, Vice Chair
Sarah Kim
Ann Bartlett
Aaron Garcia

Absent
Mai Araki
Karina Garbesi (ex-officio)
Udeepo Maheshwari (ex-officio)
Robert Lara (ex-officio)

Guests

III. Consent Calendar:
A. Approval of Agenda
Motion: (Kim) to approve the agenda.
Motion Carries

B. Approval of Minutes of 04/27/09
No minutes to approve.

IV. Special Presentation: None

V. Public Discussion: None

VI. Action Calendar
A. Old Business
1. Compost Survey: Chair Nguyen announces that she has received an email from Scott according to which there are 1900 transactions per day for Aramark Services in the Union. There was no breakdown of categories in the transaction. Chair Nguyen suggests that the committee can continue to do surveys and further adds that in the next year, ASI may have a different team which would be responsible for conducting surveys on behalf of the committees.
2. Recycle Sculpture Contest: Chair Nguyen states that Maheshwari and the Director of CLASS are in charge of sending mass mails to the student community about this contest. The deadline for this contest has been changed to the 22nd of May 2009.

O & A session: Kim

3. Recycle bins in UU: Garcia walks through a slideshow which consists of the designs of recycle bin. It includes designs of bins for different categories like paper, cans, bottles, green wastes etc. There was a brief discussion among the members regarding the price and placement of recycle bins. Chair Nguyen states that she has spoken to Dr. Garbesi who says that in order to present this proposal to the Senate, it has to be approved by ASI Student life.

Motion: (Bartlett) to approve the recycle bin proposal and send it to the University Union Committee.

Motion Carries

Speaker’s List: Garcia, Kim, and Nguyen

4. Duplex Printing: Aleridge provides a brief update to the committee and Chair Nguyen states since this proposal has already been approved, she will sent it to Dr. Garbesi so that the proposal can be presented to the Senate.

5. LCD screen research: Bartlett states that she has spoken to Career Center regarding this item and the Career Center Project Team will get back to the committee very soon. Chair Nguyen requests Bartlett to come prepared with a report for the next meeting.

6. Zimride update: Chair Nguyen yields the floor to Kim who starts the discussion by announcing that a panel of experts from the Planning for Sustainable Community will be presenting on various ways of combating climate change at state, regional and global level from 8:30 am until noon in Chabot College on 6th June, 2009. Agendas for this event and packets for Zimride update were handed out. The packet consists of overview of the program and information on how it is going to help the environment. A lengthy discussion on this item was entertained.

Speaker’s List: Bartlett, Kim, and Nguyen
B. New Business:
   7. Alternative Transportation:

VII. Round Table Remarks:
   - Chair Nguyen states that she has met with Dr. Garbesi who has suggested that the committee should concentrate more on making policies.

VIII. Adjournment:
   Chair Nguyen adjourns the Environmental committee meeting at 12:56 pm

Minutes Reviewed and Approved By/On:

ASI ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR

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Date

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