Sustainability Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4th, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER at 1:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Zachary Meade, Brandon Martinez Bailon, Pamela Vega Fuentes, Laura Greene, Adrien Van Dyke, Jaya Krishna Dasappan, Erik Pinlac

Not Present: Parker Rugeley

Late:

III. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by B. Martinez, second by L. Greene, motion PASSED.

IV. ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of November 27, 2018

Minutes approved.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.

No Public Comment.

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ITEM - Earth Week Plans

The members continued the discussion of Earth Week and began to work on filling in categories for the week. Z. Meade has asked the committee to provide their individual update on the task they were asked to complete. L. Greene states she can now move forward with the cost analysis for the community garden and she has spoken to the head of facilities and they spoke about the campus garden. A. Van Dyke was given a link of films they can license; she states they will most likely show the film WALL-E. B. Martinez gave his update on pot and soil giveaway, stating they could mine the dorms for old toilet paper rolls, where you would seal the bottom and it would now become a planter. B. Martinez also stated that he would like to research how to create pots out of newspaper. B. Martinez has not gone to a garden store yet. E. Pinlac suggests B. Martinez to reach out to facilities for the toilet paper rolls since they manage the restrooms across campus. B. Martinez states there was someone who was involved on campus who now works for an environmental position he may reach out to. The committee members have looked into bicycle powered blenders which they believed would be interesting to have. The committee must email the vendors in order to have the have an estimated price. L. Greene
states last year they had great events but music was missing from the event. Z. Meade states these are all tabling events that could be done during Earth Week. The committee members asked who would have the final say on what music to play during the event, Z. Meade states it depends on who takes on the project and it is important to have well liked music and music that would be appropriate. The committee agreed on having a google doc or spotify playlist where they could all add music they find best for the event.

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B. ACTION ITEM- Imperfect Produce Policy
The members discussed a drafted policy that will govern the Imperfect Produce program on campus.
Motion to approve the policy on imperfect produce by L. Greene, second by A. Van Dyke, motion PASSED
Z. Meade read the policy to the committee. B. Martinez had a question about the drop off location for the students who are living in the dorms; the committee clarifies that they can send it to a fixed location, such as an office or the HOPE program rather than dropping it off outside of the gates. P. Vega Fuentes would like to know if they have a location on campus where they would have a refrigerator big enough for a box of food. J. Krishna asks if they would be able to have a layer of an ice pack so the produce could last longer. B. Martinez suggests it is best for the individual to pay attention to the time of drop off. E. Pinlac states if this is a program that would benefit students the policy would be modified if needed. E. Pinlac states if they would not like to proceed with the program they can always move forward and spend the money in a different part of the sustainability committee. B. Martinez looks forward to the start of the program as it would be beneficial.
Motion to table until they have resolved the individualized gift code by L. Greene, second by A. Von Dyke, motion FAILED.

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Motion to suspend the rules for an extra 5 minutes by L. Greene, second by J. Krishna, motion PASSED.
Motion to address new business items at this time by L. Greene, second by A. Von Dyke, motion PASSED.

C. DISCUSSION ITEM- Campus Garden
The members discussed the progression towards a campus garden.

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:
A. ACTION ITEM- Resolution in Support of Creation of a Campus Garden
The members took action on a proposed resolution in favor of creating a Sustainability oriented garden on campus. L. Greene states that the garden will be between the bookstore and the library. It is a joint effort from the office of sustainability and the sustainability committee. Z. Meade reads the resolution to the committee.
Motion to recommend this resolution to the board by L. Greene, second by J. Krishna, motion PASSED.

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B. ACTION ITEM- Budget for Film Showing
   The members took action on the event of a film showing during Earth Week.

C. ACTION ITEM- Theme for Earth Week
   The members discussed and then took action on a theme for Earth Week.

D. ACTION ITEM- Sustainability Survey
   The members took action on pushing out a sustainability survey to the campus.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:
   A. On Committee Priorities for Next Semester:
      1. Brandon Martinez-Bailon, Vice-Chair (2 minutes)
      2. Jayakrishna Dasappan, Committee Member (2 minutes)
      3. Laura Greene, Committee Member (2 minutes)
      4. Adrien Van Dyke, Committee Member (2 minutes)
      5. Pamela Vega Fuentes, Committee Member (2 minutes)
      6. Jillian Buckholz, Advisor (2 minutes)

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

X. ADJOURNMENT at 2:35 PM

Minutes Reviewed by:
   Director of Sustainability/Chair
   Name: Zachary Meade

Minutes Approved on:
   1-29-19
   Date: