

California State University, East Bay

Minutes of the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting, 11/21/2016

Members present: Karina Garbesi (CLASS, Chair), Enrique Salmon (CLASS), Nidhi Khosla (CSCI, Secretary), Stevina Evuleocha (CBE), Ryan Heryford (CLASS), Michelle Rippy (CLASS), Sharon Radcliff (LIB), Ian Pollock, (CLASS, Co-Chair)

Members absent: Steve Ugbah

1. Introductions: Garbesi welcomed members. Self-introductions were made. It was noted that we have a diverse group. Some faculty members' research interests are closely tied with environmental sustainability and social justice. Others' interests stem more from civic responsibility and lived experience in settings where practices such as recycling and resource conservation were a way of life.

At present, we don't have a representative from College of Education.

2. Election of Chair and Secretary:
 - a. Garbesi nominated and elected as chair by consent of the committee. Pollock to serve as co-chair.
 - b. Khosla self-nominated for secretary and was elected by consent of the committee.

A brief history and formation of sustainability committee on CSUEB campus was shared by Garbesi.

3. Agenda approved
4. Business Items
 - a. Committee philosophy and mandate

Information comes from 15-16 Sustainability CAH. All students will be educated on issues of sustainability. The first few ILOs are general.

The campus and this committee's philosophy based on Brundtland commission report on sustainability and social justice. The current UN resolutions on the sustainability and development have continued the previous philosophy.

This committee will provide information/recommendations to the campus committee. Generally, facilities management are responsive to sustainability concerns.

Information about the Affinity program was shared.

b. Tasks

Consider following changes in the language in 15-16 CAH

1) membership (liaison membership) [section 1] –remove liaisons and consult as needed and Ex-comm can vote on it.

2) time frame [article 3]. Combine 3 with 2b (University/campus is a living lab).

c. Minor

There might be an opportunity for a system-wide sustainability minor which will be an improvement over the present one-course requirement. This minor can be collaborative and inter-disciplinary. It would be ideal if it was not located in a college. Dean Scharberg could be invited to our meeting regarding a minor.

d. Curriculum contributions

Committee could communicate teaching ideas for sustainability for the curricula to different faculty members. Pioneers for sustainability program and contact in Chancellor's office who is in charge of facilities for 23 campuses can be allies for the committee.

e. Editing language

Heryford volunteered to modify language and share with the committee

Instead of "review", say "advise and recommend"

There was a brief discussion whether "living lab" encompassing language and can that run into problems that this is an infrastructure project? The discussion suggested that this was broad language that can be used.

f. Business for next time

Opportunity to interact with other campuses about sustainability will be shared by Garbesi.

Discuss ideas for a hands-on project for the committee for the year, in addition to a multi-year project such as the Sustainability minor.

Members can suggest university figures that can be invited to our meetings.

Bye-laws modifications

Sustainability minor discussion

Living lab ideas

5. Adjournment: Approved unanimously