

California State University, East Bay

Minutes of the Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting, 02/06/17

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: None

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Approve Minutes

Minutes for Nov 21 meeting were approved unanimously.

It was noted that Prof Ugbah will not be able to join the committee this quarter due to a scheduling conflict.

3. Reports

a. Report of the Chair

The Chair had no reports to make. The Chair stated that the overarching goal is to make a plan for the committee for this year and subsequent years.

b. Announcements from Members

Several members mentioned campus events and incidents around politically charged topics and plans to navigate difficult discussions in the classroom.

Pollock announced a 'zero-waste' game jam in March . Waste management officials will be invited. Crab apples will be planted and a grafting workshop also conducted on campus.

4. High Impact Practices Workshop

Garbesi introduced Jillian Buckholz, Cal State East Bay's, Director of Sustainability.

Buckholz shared information about the High Impact Practices Workshop series. The next sustainability workshop will be on Friday, May 12, 2017. Future workshops may combine sustainability and social justice issues. Volunteers for the sustainability workshop are welcome.

California Higher Education Sustainability Conference (CHESC) will be held in UC Santa Barbara in the last week in June. Information will be in the Academic Affairs newsletter. The call for proposals is open.

5. Continuing Business

a. ExCom charge:

Proposed changes in the Policies and Procedure were discussed. Liaison members need not attend the meetings. In Article III, Section 1, we are removing all material under number 3 (review and make recommendation...). Liaison members will be removed from membership. Appropriate renumbering will be done. Motion to remove was proposed by Salmon. Radcliffe seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

b. Develop draft plan for carrying out Duties in AY16/17 (identify actions and assign leads for key parts)

Draft plan will be an ongoing topic that address how the committee will carry out its duty's this year and make recommendations for next year. This can include amending RTP policies to support interdisciplinary work; how to house the minor; the UC-CSU KAN work.

Pollock proposed developing short accelerated courses on sustainability themes and how these could be used by students dropped from classes but needing to maintain units for financial aid. A possible format could be a weekend-long event with remaining meetings over the next few weeks. Pollock shared zero waste game jam and other teaching activities related to sustainability and commented that it may be harder to include these in classes in other disciplines.

Garbesi proposed a first step toward meeting duties would be to pull together a description of all major sustainability projects on campus, which could be shared by Salmon at UC-CSU KAN. She proposed developing a google doc as a committee to capture the committee's knowledge. The committee can describe and share opportunities with the faculty.

The document should capture the range of opportunities available to students from the single Sustainability Overlay Class, to the System-wide Sustainability Minor for those with a general interest in the issue, to the Sustainability Certificate and the Environmental Studies Major aimed at those with a career interest in Sustainability.

6. New Business

a. ISSUE: Should the Committee Pursue CSUEB Participation in CSU-Systemwide Sustainability Minor?

Garbesi mentioned that there is an introductory course that is being developed which could be taken online or delivered in-class for the system-wide sustainability minor. There are three courses that would be satisfied by the overlay courses, and a capstone course. Garbesi mentioned that it would be interesting to investigate the strengths and weaknesses of a sustainability overlay versus a GE track in sustainability.

Heryford will be the representative of the Committee on the sustainability minor.

b. ISSUE: UC-CSU Knowledge Action Network

Salmon shared information about an upcoming CSU-UC KAN workshop at Humboldt State where participants will present activities relating to sustainability being done on their campuses. Collaborations across CSU and UC system will be explored. A date is yet to be announced. The focus is broader than climate change and includes social justice, activism, identity and so on.

c. Affinity hires can be invited to one of the committee meetings in March 2017.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn proposed by Garbesi and seconded by Evuleocha. The motion was passed unanimously.