Approved Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability

Date: April 17, 2017

In attendance: Evuleocha, Garbesi, Heryford, Khosla, Pollock, Rippy

Absent: Salmon, Radcliff

1. Approval of agenda

   M/S/P

2. Approval of 4/3/17 minutes

   M/S/P (Pollock/Rippy/unanimous).

3. Reports

   a. Report of the Chair

      W. Kamau Bell talk announced

      Questions for Sahar Nouredini regarding trip to Humboldt for CSU-UC Knowledge Action Meeting

   b. Report on CSU Sustainability Minor (Heryford)

   c. Report on UC/CSU KAN (Salmon)

      Salmon absent; no report

4. New Business

   a. Sustainability FLC

   b. Faculty Sustainability Fellow Discussion (Director of Sustainability, Buckholz)

   Deferral of 4a and 4b until next meeting
5. Continuing Business

a. Approve 16-17 CAHS 2: Memo to Executive Committee regarding Amendment of the Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policies to incorporate Cal State East Bay’s Mission, as Reflected in its ILOs, in the RTP Process

Pollock had a query about transdisciplinary work in Professional Service. Garbesi suggested that a faculty member can request a trans-disciplinary college committee to evaluate interdisciplinary work. Evuleocha suggested advocating for the inclusion of an additional consultant to the committee. Members agreed that there should be a short statement in the RTP document that recognizes the value of Interdisciplinary Work – defined specifically in regards to University Service. There needs to be representation at the Department level committee but it needs to be discussed if this should be in the language of the document?

Members will investigate the specific requirements for the formation of the Department level committees. It was discussed that faculty member have the right to request outside faculty participation (should be voting members) on the Departmental RTP committee.

b. CSU Sustainability Minor

Overlays were explained. There is a relationship between CSUEB and the System-wide cooperative minor. It is desirable to broadly include all overlay courses. One of the lower-division courses and three mid-level are upper-division – have to be qualified to GE and the Sustainability overlay. One course has to address climate neutrality. Garbesi proposed to draft a letter that explicitly states that the Department of Environmental Studies does not own the curriculum for a course in climate neutrality – rotation of advising in the minor.

c. Sustainability Affinity Hires program (plan to assess)
   Proposed meeting with ’17 Affinity Hires on May 15th.

d. Proposals for Sustainability FLCs
   Pollock introduced the FLC – Sustainable Campus Meeting – committee’s review. Garbesi suggested emphasizing projects that could intertwine cultural diversity and sustainability. Discussion of involvement with facilities in FLC project was recommended.

e. Adjourn

   M/S/P