

Draft Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability

Date: April 3, 2017

In attendance: Evuleocha, Garbesi, Heryford, Khosla, Pollock, Radcliff, Salmon

Absent: Rippy

Guests: Jillian Buckholz, Sherman Lewis

1. Approval of agenda
Garbesi proposed moving 5c (developing draft duties) to top of list.
M/S/P (Evuleocha/Salmon/unanimous).
2. Approval of [3/6/17](#) minutes
M/S/P (Evuleocha/Salmon/unanimous)
3. Reports
 - a. Report of the Chair
Committee was reminded of upcoming talks by Winona LaDuke and Kamau Bell on climate change activism.
 - b. Report on CSU Sustainability Minor (Ryan Heryford, Lead)
Heryford reported he was working with Paul Draper at Sonoma State to collect syllabi on culture, ethics, equity and sustainability which is one of the courses for the proposed minor. Garbesi recommended new course work being developed by Duke Austin, Sociology.
 - c. Report on UC/CSU KAN
Efforts are being ramped up. The objective is to share across UC and CSU campuses about teaching around sustainability. Salmon may not be able to be as involved due to personal circumstances. Salmon will contact Sahar Nouredini, faculty Nursing and Health Sciences department about her attendance at the upcoming UC/CSU KAN meeting.
4. New Business
 - a. Sustainability Affinity Hires program (plan to assess)
Heryford reported that affinity hires will meet next week.
 - b. Sustainability FLC
Three possible sustainability FLCs were suggested to propose to Faculty Development.
 - (1) An FLC in which faculty would work together to develop new sustainability courses.
 - (2) Pollock suggested an FLC could also be an activity-driven FLC, possibly connected to campus as a living lab. This could include the development of co-curricular sustainability learning opportunities throughout campus such as sculptures, musical instruments made of recycled material, and food plant gardens reflecting different cultures.
 - (3) An FLC to develop an academic and co-curricular focus on food security at Cal State East Bay. This could include pursuing an affinity hire in food security, forming a critical mass with existing faculty working on the issue (Salmon and Calvo, Ethnic Studies; Lee in AGES; Pollock, Art). Salmon, Pollock and Garbesi will prepare brief write-ups on some ideas.
 - c. Faculty Sustainability Fellow Discussion (Director of Sustainability, Buckholz)

This was proposed under the previous Provost. Buckholz will forward the original proposal which is in a draft stage and the committee will discuss it in the next meeting. The fellow position would be a part of the proposed East Bay Sustainability Institute and this might be a rotating position.

5. Continuing Business

- a. Develop draft plan for carrying out [duties](#) in AY16/17

Garbesi shared a draft plan, noting that most duties are being addressed through existing activities of the committee. Regarding review of progress toward campus sustainability commitments, she noted that the university has not fulfilled its commitment under the Senate Sustainability Resolution or the President's Carbon Commitment to educate all students on the issue of climate neutrality.

M/S/P (Evuleocha/Salmon/unanimous) The Committee recommends a required course in the sustainability minor on climate neutrality.

- b. CSU Sustainability Minor

Discuss the System Sustainability Minor proposals (see below) for feedback to the relevant system-wide committees and for potential adoption as the framework for a Sustainability Minor on at CSUEB.

The committee agreed to forward proposal to include a course focusing on climate neutrality as a required part of the minor, and at minimum signaling our intention to do that on at Cal State East Bay.

Detailed discussions on the following elements of the existing system-wide proposal deferred to a later date.

- i. Program Learning Outcomes
 - ii. Introductory Course Learning Outcomes
 - iii. Introductory Course CID Descriptor
- c. Finalize Entries to Sustainability Activities and Commitments on Campus (shared Google Entries) Discussion deferred until a later date.

6. Adjourn 1:30 pm