**Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for January 10th, 2013**

1. **Call to order**: Chair **O’Brien** calls meeting to order at **4:40pm.**
2. ROLL CALL

Members Present         Absent Members             Guests

Laurel O’Brien     Rachael Santos                Jerry Chang

Jeremy Dutra

Kathy Cutting

Rebecca Rainwater

David Todorut

1. ACTION ITEM– **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Agenda.**

**Amendment I: (Cutting) to table Item VI.  The appointment of Vice Chair until the next Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting.**

**Amendment I Carries.**

**Motion Carries as Amended.**

1. ACTION ITEM– **Approval of the May 8th, 2012 Minutes**

**Motion to approve the May 8th, 2012 Minutes.**

**Motion Carries.**

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the**

**Board on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

Chair **O’Brien** yields the floor to President **Jerry Chang** in which he highlights the following:

* Mentions that  he was on the Environmental Affairs Committee last year
* During that year this committee set a foundation
* This current year the committee can get a lot accomplished
* The president of the University has made sustainability a huge issue and is something that he would like to address and gathered a lot of support through the university in order to do so
* This committee will be very well supported in their actions
* Thanks the committee members for their participation

    5:46

1. ACTION ITEM– **Environmental Affairs Appoints: Vice Chair of Environmental**

**Affairs**

**Tabled**

1. ACTION ITEM**– Establish Meeting Time**

The committee discusses a meeting time that will benefit all committee members.

**Motion: (Rainwater) to establish the Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting time on Thursdays at 5:45pm during the Winter Quarter.**

**Motion Carries.**

11:08

1. INFORMATION ITEM– **Update on PEIL Student Projects**

Chair **O’Brien** highlights the following:

* Kathy and Jeremy have been selected as interns and will be working on the Garden Project

Chair **O’ Brien** yields the floor to Kathy and Jeremy in which they highlight of following:

* **Dutra** mentions that he will be establishing a Botanical Garden on campus to get students involved this can provide internships for students and can also be a volunteer opportunity
* **Cutting**  also mentions the start of a Water Wise Garden that’s incorporated using art work from the art department also having people from construction help out with podiums for sundials and representation from the geography department
* Make this a focal point that is pretty and last year around
* Chair **O’Brien** states that there was an informal meet and greet at the end of last quarter
* The building of water refill stations is something that the committee will be working on with the RAW Committee
* There will be separate projects for this committee aside from the PEIL Student Projects

16:55

1. DISCUSSION ITEM**– Brainstorm, Discuss and Prioritize Project Ideas for Winter**

**Quarter**

Chair **O’Brien** states that she would like to prioritize ideas that the committee would like to

accomplish this year and also set a foundation for next year.

The committee highlights the following:

* A Farmer’s Market is already being created in the South Hayward area in which the people in charge do not have any interest whatsoever in starting one on this campus
* The committee discusses the benefits of traveling to the local Farmer’s Market
* **Cutting** mentions that there should be a directive put into place
* Chair **O’Brien** mentions that she will be meeting with someone from Aramark to discuss the Farmer’s Market products being brought to campus and possibly sold in the POD
* Goal to get more people to like the Facebook page that will be generated this will also inform people about events that are going to be taking place
* The committee discusses the pros and cons of adding a $3 environmental fee to tuition
* Chair **O’Brien** mentions the change in Alameda County where people do have to pay for paper bags at stores
* Having tote bags not just for earth day but always having the tote bags available
* **Dutra** mentions that there can be a policy for the bookstore of bringing your own bags (BYOB) and also for Aramark in regards to sustainable food
* Cutting mentions that Aramark would have to be educated
* Develop a map for the Farmers Market
* Chair **O’Brien** discusses her class with Pioneer Web TV and also the interview with Waste Management
* The committee continues to discuss sustainability ideas

    1:00:00

1. **ROUNDTABLE REMARKS**

Chair **O’Brien** thanks the committee members for showing up and mentions that they have had a very great discussion**.** Also informs the committee members to come to the following meeting with ideas.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: (O’Brien) to adjourn meeting at 5:42pm.**

Minutes Reviewed by:

**Chair of Environmental Affairs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: Laurie O’Brien**

Minutes approved on:

**01-24-13**

**Date:**