**Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for January 24th, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair **O’Brien** calls meeting to order at **5:59pm.**

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present         Absent Members             Guests

Laurel O’Brien     Randy Saffold

Jeremy Dutra

Kathy Cutting

Rachael Santos

Rebecca Rainwater

David Todorut

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

**Motion to approve the Agenda**

**Amendment I: (Cutting) to change Discussion Item VIII to an Action Item the Alameda County Task Force and table Action Item VI until the next committee meeting.**

**Amendment I Carries.**

**Motion Carries.**

1. ACTION ITEM– **Approval of the January 10th, 2013 Minutes**

**The January 10th, 2013 Minutes has been approved.**

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**

**No Public Comment**

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

**Affairs**

**Tabled**

1. DISCUSSION ITEM– **Alameda County Bag Ban: CSUEB tote bag opportunity**

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

* Interviewed students asking their thoughts about the Alameda Bag Ban
* Received interesting feedback in regards to the ban
* Thinking of a way to transfer the feedback received from students to action
* She mentions that she has done research on tote bags and the pricing of them
* If one of the committee members can be assigned to the task of finding eco-friendly tote bags that are on the inexpensive side
* There can be a subcommittee generated for this task
* ED **Saffold** highlights information about the tote bags
  + - Anything under a $1.00 is good pricing tote bags
    - The committee can work with Garvin to have bags generated
    - Looking at venders that has bags that will last a while
    - Recycled bags
  + Chair **O’ Brien** mentions that she noticed tote bags being sold in the bookstore but they are expensive and they aren’t near the counter so the habits of students aren’t really changing
  + ED **Saffold** mentions that the RAW has funds for tote bag project’s there also can be fundraising done
  + He also discusses the pricing of the different recycled tote bags
  + Chair **O’ Brien** mentions the KISS Carnival and possibly planning a recycling game
  + The committee further discusses ways they can distribute recycled tote bags and buying them in bulk
  + ED **Saffold** mentions to the committee members that while conducting their research don’t get caught up in the actual vendor make sure the focus stays on the type of bags

**Motion: (Cutting) to create a task force to examine giving away tote bags**

**The committee discusses the process of forming a task force.**

**Motion Carries.**

**30:50**

1. DISCUSSION ITEM– **Farmer’s Market Plan B**

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

* Housing has a shuttle service this upcoming Saturday to take students to San Francisco Farmers Market
* Chair **O’ Brien** mentions that she can talk to Housing about the shuttle to the local Farmers Market and possibly can partner with them on this initiative
* She also mentions that she can discuss with the representative from the Farmers Market things that can be offered in regards to having a shuttle come down to their market
* The committee discusses ways to convey having access to organic foods and farmers market foods to students

-possibly getting food samples to put in the tote bags

**37:00**

1. ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

Saffold: stated that this group will be the working group and he mentions that there would need to be feedback from this committee. There is $200,000.00 in stipends available for sustainability projects. The ideas that the committee has will be going to ongoing programs for sustainability. The sustainability committee also explored a media team.

Chair **O’ Brien** highlights the advisory council and mentions that they are the ones receiving feedback from us. The committee discusses the different recycling initiatives that can be ongoing and can be publicized to the campus. Also discusses the media piece that can be made for the website. The committee discusses having one or two minute blurbs on YouTube.

**O’ Brien:** mentions that the waste management initiative is still pending.

1. ADJOURNMENT

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.**

Minutes Reviewed by:

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

**Name: Laurie O’Brien**

Minutes approved on:

**02-07-13**

**Date:**