**Environmental Affairs Committee Emergency Meeting Minute for March, 14th, 2012**

1. **Call to order**: Chair **Christine** calls meeting to order at **6:28pm**
2. ROLL CALL

Members Present Absent Members Guests

Corrie Christine Johnny Fuentes

Jeremy Dutra Mark Allen T. Laluan

Jerry Chang

Laurel O’Brien

Danielle Anderson

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

**Motion: (Dutra) to approve the agenda.**

**Motion Carries.**

1. **ACTION ITEM- Approval of March 14th, 2012 Minutes**

**Motion: (O’Brien) to approve the March 14th, 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.

**No Public Comment**

1. **EMERGENCY INFORMATION ITEM** – Earth Day Update

Chair **Christine** states that Earth Day will consist of a Two-day event: Monday and Tuesday. But the committee can still encourage students to participate in Earth Week on their own. Monday will be the video by Lauren Valentino and there will be bags distributed to students who attend.

Chair **Christine** indicates that she would like to get the opinion from the committee members in regards to giving the first 100 people that shows up for the event a recyclable bag. There has not been any confirmation on Cal Recycling being present at the event but hopefully they can be there and have an information table. There will be two professors speaking at the event in regards to sustainability. A Personal Perspective on what it means to be Sustainable, “by Professor Michael Lee from the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and also [Salmon, Enrique](http://webapps.csueastbay.edu/public/staffdir/index.cfm?Name=Salmon%2C%20Enrique&Fuseaction=ShowDetails&MAXRECS=10) speaking. The RAW was not able to put together the bags due to the budget being cut, hoping to have a raffle prize or two to give away to students

Chair **Christine** also mentions that Tuesday events will take place in the RAW consisting of a clothing drive, the pledge tree, the water tasting test, and a couple of games. There will also be RAW Tours.

The committee discusses recruiting people to volunteer for the event.

Chair **Christine** states that she has been interviewed by The Pioneer in regards to the Earth Day.

**Dutra** inquires if there will be tabling on any of those days. She also states that she spoke with Chair **Christine** in creating an Environmental Awareness Club.

Chair **Christine** states that this can be announced Monday; the best person that can conduct this is Dr. Lee. Anybody who is at junior standing should definitely consider starting a club. We can kind of piggyback them off of the EP3 Club that I am a part of.

**Chang** states that he believes that Legislative Affairs Committee is going to be getting cut from ASI the following year but Internal Affairs will be taking over that specific position.

**Dutra** states that the creation of the club can be included in the survey so that there can be student input on if there should be one or not.

Chair **Christine** indicates that the survey questions can be finalized by the next committee meeting. There will be 8-10 questions.

**Anderson** states that there can be a table during the Earth Day Event that can consist of the idea of putting a sustainability club together. Or using recycled paper to create a flyer to put in the bags.

**2:00-16:56**

1. **EMERGENCY INFORMATION ITEM** – Student Housing Recycling Update

Chair **Christine** states that once Earth Day is complete she would like to gear her focus on the student housing recycling. In mid-May she’s looking to have the event of recycling in which the recycling bins are pulled to the middle, music is played, and shirts are given away. This event takes place in the student dorms.

Chair **Christine** opens the floor to the committee to highlight some ideas:

The committee discusses separating the recycling from the trash in the University Union and in Student Housing.

Chair **Christine** states that there can be a representative from the recycling company to come in and give us information on how to do this and the specific price.

The committee will research San José State, Cal Berkley, and SF State composting options.

Chair **Christine** mentions that supposedly Aramark has started to compost items.

The RAW currently has their own composting bin in which they compost paper towels.

Chair **Christine** mentions that the first way the campus can start composting is in the bathrooms similar to what the RAW is already doing.

**Dutra** states that there is not a Student Sustainability Educators Program. There is also not a sustainability outreach program.

The committee can work with the on campus residence and facilities to promote sustainability. While the Orientation Team is giving tours they can point out sustainability features.

The committee discusses the elections process.

**Dutra** asks if it is possible for the upcoming year if the committee can change their name from Environmental Affairs to Sustainability Affairs. Chair **Christine** states that this is possible.

Chair **Christine** mentions the goals the committee came up with: Recycling Composting Webpage and working with Internal Affairs to make sure that ASI is sustainable and the clubs/orgs will start considering sustainable options.

**Chang** states that he recommends that when a club receives their first recognition that they sign a sustainability pledge.

Chair **Christine** mentions to the committee that she would like to meet the week after Earth Week.

The committee discusses their availability.

The committee decides to meet on Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 at 3pm.

Chair **Christine** mentions that she will be emailing Evelyn in hopes that she can make it to the meeting.

**16:56-38:37**

1. **ROUNDTABLE REMARKS**

**Dutra**: states that she has located a mini sustainability page.

Chair **Christine** states that CSUEB needs something better when it comes to sustainability.

**Anderson**: asks how the committee members are feeling about the design? **Chang** mentions that the design is like the one that the committee decided they did not like.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion: () to adjourn meeting at 7:08pm**

**Director of Environmental Affairs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: Corrie Christine**

Minutes approved on:

**05-8-10**

Date