**Environmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair **Cutting** calls meeting to order at **2:08 PM.**
2. ROLL CALL

Members Present Absent Members Guests

Kathy Cutting Riddhi Sood Corey Gazay

Justin Anzelc

Tim Rollins

Ainsley Shallcross

Leilani Camarillo

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

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

**Motion carries.**

IV. ACTION ITEM – **Approval of the Minutes of April 8, 2014**

**Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2014**

**Motion: (Camarillo) to approve the Minutes of April 8, 2014 and May 6, 2014.**

**Motion carries.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Public Comment is intended as a time for any member of the public to address the committee on any issues affecting ASI and/or the California State University, East Bay.**

No Public Comment

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Review of years events, create binder for next year**

Chair **Cutting** addresses the following:

* Chair **Cutting** states that she has binders for the next director, Leilani Camarillo. She has the binder that she runs the meetings out of and where she kept notes in and the binder that was created for Earth Day, with handouts in there that can be built upon.
* Chair **Cutting** states that there are conferences over the summer about sustainability, than anyone can attend.
* Chair **Cutting** states that she received an email that talks about a community garden at Tennyson High School where there is an opportunity for them to combine efforts.
* Chair **Cutting** states that at the last meeting they talked about people who they wanted to give water bottles to. Chair **Cutting** further states that she brought bags for the committee members to take the water bottles and give them to people before school is over.

**6:58**

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM – **Statement of position regarding CSU Sustainability**

Chair **Cutting** addresses the following:

* Chair **Cutting** states that at the last BOD Mtg. she put on record that she felt like the Environmental Affairs Committee was in an awkward position this year. Since knowing that the Office of Sustainability is opening and that the CSU Chancellors office had stuff in the works, things were happening already so to write a policy or a resolution in support of something that was already happening was just busy work. Next year when they actually have signed policies with the office open, the committee can better direct their efforts.
* Sports & Activities Coordinator **Gazay** states that the committee is still the advocate for the students, so there is still going to be an extremely large piece for this committee in directing the office.
* Chair **Cutting** states that until they set that office up and they develop a partnership, she could have written a policy that floated around but it wouldn’t have had as much direction as it would once the committee knows what they are supporting.
* Sports & Activities Coordinator **Gazay** states that they can say something like, “We hope to do this…” or “We hope this relationship looks like this…” so that when the committee comes into the first conversation that they already have a set assumption of how they envisioned a partnership.
* **Camarillo** questions if the new Director of Sustainability that was hired, who works with the president, is that what she is going to do.
* Chair **Cutting** states that she will be reporting to the provost and helping get the campus up to speed in sustainability efforts.
* **Camarillo** states that the director may possibly do more sustainable internships.
* **Camarillo** acknowledges how good SFSU’s campus is with sustainability.
* **Anzelc** states that he and Ainsley spent at least two quarters this year to promote recycling on the CSUEB campus and he finds it ironic how all of the recycling bins are in the leaky windows in the library, making sure water doesn’t fall on the floor and not disbursed throughout the campus so people can actually recycle.
* **Camarillo** states that a lot of faucets are leaking around campus and they need to be fixed. Also a lot of drinking fountains on campus don’t even have water in them so what are they there for.
* **Shallcross** states that next year they should push maintenance to install the solar recyclable parts to the trash compactors on campus.
* Chair **Cutting** states that CSUEB has a single stream waste management contract. What the committee needs to ask for is a better waste management contract. Also divestment from fossil fuels.
* **Shallcross** questions if they would bring that up with the new president now that Michelle Xiong is gone. She was the one that brought divestment from fossil fuels to the committee’s attention and was going to help with that but she left. **Shallcross** further questions if they should bring that up only as a committee or should they also bring that up to the new president.
* Chair **Cutting** states that Leilani can bring that up to the BOD when they are established. It is being achieved by many campuses now so there should be some models to follow.
* **Camarillo** states that for the committee she wants to advocate public policy.
* Chair **Cutting** states that they need to grow interest through many people not just the committee.
* ­­­**Gazay** states or they can do something to get an article in the newspaper.
* **Anzelc** states that the committee had got a couple people who signed up from the newspaper.
* The committee discusses different ways of getting articles into newspapers.
* Chair **Cutting** states the things she would like to see for next year are to create awareness, table for awareness and access, policy on divestment, resolution to have sustainability office, Earth Week activities, and save Justin’s letter we sent to all Departments about Earth Day Every Day; create a policy where it says departments should achieve a sustainability goal each year.
* Chair **Cutting** states another thing she was hoping to do that the sustainability office should do is provide data about how much energy CSUEB uses that is accessible to the students.
* **Camarillo** states that the Sustainability Earth Club has been started up, she sent in the paperwork but doesn’t know if they were too late to go the meeting with all the club officers to get accredited. The president of the club’s big goal is to get compost and he is in contact with the person who made compost and the person who directs it. Michael Lee, the club advisor, wants to be able to take the compost and turn it into green waste in Hayward. The food waste can be changed into energy and from there show how much energy is being conserved with the food.
* Chair **Cutting** questions if that would go through housing and the dining commons.
* **Camarillo** states that it would probably go through Aramark because they are in charge of all the food.

**24:22**

VIII. CLOSING ROUNDTABLE REMARKS

**Cutting:**  Congratulates Leilani on winning the election.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at **2:30PM**

Minutes reviewed by:

**Director, Sustainability**

**Name: Ainsley Shallcross**

Minutes approved on:

**2-5-15**

**Date:**