

Sustainability Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes February 19, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER at 1:02 PM**
 - II. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Zachary Meade, Brandon Martinez Bailon, Pamela Vega Fuentes, Laura Greene, Adrien Van Dyke, Jillian Buckholz
Late:
Not Present: Melissa Baron
 - III. **ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda by **A. Van Dyke**, second by **L. Greene**, motion **PASSED**.
 - IV. **ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Minutes of February 5, 2019**
Minutes approved by consensus.
 - 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.**
 - VI. **UNFINISHED ITEMS:**
 - A. **ACTION ITEM- Campus Garden**
The members discussed the progression towards a campus garden and took action on the proposal of a budget for the garden.
Motion to approve the budget of **\$300** for the campus garden by **A. Van Dyke** second by **P. Vega Fuentes**, motion **PASSED**.
L. Greene states there was a delay in the planting of the tree because the freshman day of service was cancelled due to the rain. The tree will be installed by March 15th. It is 6ftx3ft; **L. Greene** has a diagram as to how she would like to plant the succulents. **L. Greene** breaks down the amount of material she has estimated that would be needed that would cost \$240 but would like to have a budget of \$300 before finalizing the amount.
Motion to amend the campus garden budget to include a total of **\$300** by **L. Greene**, second by **A. Van Dyke**, motion **PASSED**.
- 11:51**
- B. **ACTION ITEM- Cupanion Proposal**
The Committee learned about the Cupanion project and discussed the proposal for inclusion of the project in Earth Week.
Motion to approve the Cupanion proposal by **A. Van Dyke**, second by **L. Greene**, motion **AMENDED**.
J. Buckholz would like support from the committee before recommending the board to approve the budget. The committee has an option to pick between



stainless steel and plastic bottles. The amount would be \$9,000 or \$12,000 depending on the bottle they choose.

Motion to amend the recommendation to the board to be \$9,000 for the plastic bottles by **L. Greene**, second by **A. Van Dyke**, motion **FAILED**.

A. Van Dyke states that it is plastic but it does cost less than the \$12,000. **L. Greene** states that the stainless steel would be nicer to have and the students would most likely use the bottles. **Z. Meade** states the board initiatives budget currently does not have the needed amount to fund this item. **B. Martinez Bailon** would like to split the amendment to state the amount for the tags and the amount for the bottles.

Motion to amend the Cupanion project proposal to include \$9,000 or \$12,000 with the possibility of cost subsidizing from housing by **A. Van Dyke**, second by **L. Greene**, motion **PASSED**.

J. Buckholz recommends the committee to speak to housing about the options.

Motion to postpone the approval of the Cupanion project proposal of \$9,000 or \$12,000 with the possibility of cost subsidizing from housing until next meeting by **A. Van Dyke**, second by **L. Greene**, motion **PASSED**.

36:53

C. ACTION ITEM- **Theme for Earth Week**

The members took action on a theme for Earth Week. **J. Buckholz** states there will not be a theme for Earth week but she would like to know if ASI will be having an Earth week/ Earth day festival like it has in the past years. **Z. Meade** states they could only speak on the items on the agenda but the committee can speak on a theme on this festival.

39:00

D. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Sustainability Survey**

The members considered again the project of pushing out a sustainability survey to the campus. **B. Martinez Bailon** states he could help with the survey if they were to sit down and finish the survey at once. The committee asks if there has been a past survey that they could possibly reference. **Z. Meade** states there is not a previous survey. The committee suggests having spaces where the students could write their full thoughts to help the campus become more sustainable. The survey would be passed to students to fill. The committee suggests having the starting question to state if they know what sustainability is and depending what the answer is, the following questions would be adjusted. The committee discussed the possible questions that would be included.

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E. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Keynote Speaker**

The Committee discussed a proposal for a keynote speaker for Earth Week. **L. Greene** has been in contact with the keynote speaker Corrina Gould who is part of the Ohlone Costanoan tribe. **L. Greene** believes some sort of compensation



would be helpful. **Z. Meade** states there is a form to bring speakers to campus. **L. Greene** states she was a speaker for the women's march. **J. Buckholz** asks **Z. Meade** to see if it is possible to get a match and have her speak on April 22nd since it is Earth Day. **J. Buckholz** states the sustainability office will match the offer. **J. Buckholz** states **L. Greene** should reach out now to see if it is possible for her to speak on the specific date.

55:00

F. DISCUSSION ITEM- **Grow Your Food Proposal**

The members discussed the proposal for a "Grow Your Food" budget and project. **P. Vega Fuentes** states she would like the students to know how to grow their own food and where to get the resources needed. She was interested in printing a flyer with steps on how to do it. The budget she presents the committee is \$155 for 500 brochures; she is not sure on the amount to focus on. She would like to have giveaways such as pots and stickers, or seeds to plant their own food, or gloves. **J. Buckholz** states she has a bucket of seeds she could probably use.

59:21

VII. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

VIII. SPECIAL REPORTS:

- A. Jillian Buckholz - **Report on the Higher Education Climate Leadership Conference**
Item postponed.

IX. ROUND TABLE REMARKS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Reviewed by:

Director of Sustainability / Chair

Name: Zachary Meade

Minutes Approved on:

2-26-19

Date:

