

**Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS)**  
**Meeting #83: September 15, 2011**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**60 Barrows**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Announcements (Kaela Colwell/Kira Stoll)  
Call to order at 3:42PM

a. Introductions

An exercise at last year's sustainability summit generated a list of ways the campus could improve on sustainability. Some of these ideas were shared and discussed. The whole list of suggestions will be shared with CACS, so people can read all of them and decide if they want to follow up on any.

- One of the suggestions about bottled water generated a conversation in the committee. The suggestion: "At CalSO, students should get a free water bottle with a list on it of where Refill stations around campus are." The topic of bottled water will be added to a future agenda so the committee can discuss it in more depth.

b. Review & Approve Minutes from Meeting #82

- Minutes approved.

2. Old Business

a. Procurement, Water, and Waste Updates

- **Procurement:** Lisa McNeilly is not present today, but she will give an update at next month's meeting.
- **Water:** Last spring, the Chancellor committed the campus to a goal of reaching 10% below 2008 water usage levels by 2020. We will continue to hear regular updates. One of the ways the campus is looking to reduce water is with small adjustments to improve efficiency. In University Hall toilet retrofits have been done to reduce the amount of water needed to flush in older higher flow fixtures. Maintenance data is being tracked to see if the adjustments are more efficient in the long run. Some facilities are very old and so it is hard to do even easy adjustments. By Oct./Nov., we will have data on how effective the adjustments have been and if they should be implemented in other buildings on campus.
- **Waste:** Lin King will talk about the waste reduction and the systems the campus has in place later in the meeting. Last year CACS almost unanimously voted that the campus

should have more action on reducing waste on campus, and took this on as a CACS initiative. CACS has hired and is funding a student intern who will put together a paper this fall framing where the campus is at today, what we're diverting, and future scenarios to work with. The ultimate goal is 75% diversion of waste by June 2012, and zero waste by 2020.

b. Learn it, Live it Events (Sarah Nathe)

- Senior Lecturer David Presti will talk on October 26<sup>th</sup> at noon, Dwinelle 370.
- Any suggestions for events are welcome. Please send them to Sarah Nathe at [sknathe@berkeley.edu](mailto:sknathe@berkeley.edu).

3. New Business

a. CACS Executive Committee (Ex-Comm) Membership Call (Kaela Colwell)

- CACS elects two general members to sit on Ex-Comm. Ex-Comm. meets 2 weeks before general meetings to plan the meeting agenda and discuss CACS business. Ex-Comm. meets 3:30 - 5PM t in the A&E 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. Conference Room. Nolan Pack and Claire Porter were elected to serve on Ex-Comm for the 2011-12 year.

b. TGIF Representative Nomination (Katherine Walsh)

- TGIF decides whom to award Green Fund Grants to every year. TGIF needs a student, graduate or undergraduate, from CACS to sit on the committee to help to decide where the student money goes and which projects are worthwhile. Rachel Chang was voted as the CACS representative.

c. 2011 CACS Internship and Grant Recipient Results (Kaela Colwell)

- The committee has met and decided upon the recipients and projects to be funded. More detail will be shared at the next meeting.

**d. Campus Waste Reduction Efforts and Zero Waste Plan (Lin King)**

- The campus' goal is achieving zero waste by 2020. The current main programmatic tasks for fulfilling this goal are through improvement to bins, signage, special events, and education.
- The Compost Alliance is a newly created student organization that received grants from three different sources last year and is currently housed under Campus Recycling and Refuse services.
- Faculty is very important – they need to serve as role models to students.

- Some aggressive programs will be needed to get to the goal of 75% waste diversion by June 30, 2012.
- Upstream strategies to achieve zero waste: purchasing methods and behavior.
- Currently the campus is using an outside compost facility, while on campus we only sort or recycle.
- Waste audits conducted by Building Sustainability at Cal of different halls show the amount of actual waste generated in the building. Only 6-8% of trash generated is actual waste - everything else could go to composting or recycling. New waste audits were conducted in spring 2011, but they are not online yet.
- Suggestion: use an interior multi-bin system. This consists of a big recycling bin with a small clip-on trash bin. Additionally, do not throw away trash at your desk but at a central location instead so that it can be more easily taken out.
- Redesign bins to make a visually standardized system. Also, most class rooms currently only have trash bins.
- The number and placement of bins on campus is a problem – they encourage people to throw trash away by being so numerous and near food areas.
- Sometimes the campus is the receptor of trash from people who eat on Telegraph. Are we able to tell vendors to get recycling and compost systems?
- We also need clear and consistent signage and labels.

#### 4. Meeting Wrap-up

- a. Open Announcements (meeting participants can make 30 second sustainability related announcements)

\*If you would like to add a New Business item to next month's agenda, please send an email to Kaela Colwell ([kaelacolwell@berkeley.edu](mailto:kaelacolwell@berkeley.edu)) or Kira Stoll ([stoll@berkeley.edu](mailto:stoll@berkeley.edu)).