

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACs)
Meeting #86: December 8, 2011
3:30 – 5:00 PM
60 Barrows

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Announcements (Kaela Colwell/Kira Stoll) – *5 minutes*
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Review & Approve Minutes from Meeting #85

2. Old Business – *25 minutes*
 - a. CACS Waste Reduction Study (Kimberly Lam)
 - Kimberly Lam – the CACS student waste reduction intern – has working with Campus Recycling and Refuse Services (CRRS) to identify how the campus can meet the UC waste reduction goal which calls for 75% waste diversion by 2012 and zero waste by 2020. Kimberly presented her research findings to the committee.
 - The research found that the campus can likely meet the near-term goal by expanding the composting program to all campus buildings, and enhancing education efforts and re-use programs to ensure better recycling compliance.
 - And, while recognizing the financial and organizational challenges and opportunities related to eliminating landfill waste, the committee made a motion – that passed unanimously - that the campus take the necessary steps to meet the 75% diversion goal as soon as possible but no later than 2015, and reach zero waste by 2020.

 - Over the next few months, CACS, working with CRRS, will be sharing the findings of this research and the committee recommendation with campus stakeholders.

3. New Business
 - a. Additional Ex-Officio Positions on CACS (Kaela Colwell/Kira Stoll) - *10 minutes*
 - The proposition to add additional Ex-Officio positions on CACS was raised during an Ex-Comm. meeting. This proposition does not largely alter the CACS Charter and also improves the staff and student member balance on the committee.

 - The reason this proposition has been made is that the current state of the Charter limits the pool of applicants for faculty/staff Co-Chair and the membership is not inclusive of

new sustainability related positions that have been created since CACS first convened in 2003.

- A motion was made to add three voting ex-officio positions to CACS, that are eligible to serve as Co-Chair: the TGIF Coordinator, the Campus Recycling & Refuse Manager, and the Energy Manager 11 votes, no abstaining, in favor of the amendment for Ex-Officio members inducted by this method to have voting rights.
- These ex-officio positions will be effective January 2012.

b. CACS Faculty/Staff Co-Chair Election (Kira Stoll) - *10 minutes*

- Katherine Walsh was nominated at the previous CACS meeting and has accepted the nomination.
- As TGIF Coordinator for the past 1.5 years, Katherine has had the chance to collaborate with a variety of departments and individuals on both TGIF and CACS Grant projects.
- Last year, she served on the Sustainability Summit Planning Sub-Committee and was very involved in the planning process. Katherine has also attended many CACS Ex-Comm. meetings.
- As TGIF Coordinator, she has planned facilitation programs and has experience putting together agendas.
- **The Committee voted all in favor - Katherine Walsh is appointed CACS Co-Chair for Spring – Fall 2012.**

c. Fair Trade (Nolan Pack and Guests) – *35 minutes*

- Nolan presented with guest speakers Caitlyn and Natalie, both from STeam.
- The Fair Trade Movement encompasses the sale of products that must meet a set of standards. Two of these standards are 'improving lives' and 'protecting the environment.'
- Locations offering Fair Trade products or operations at UCB so far: Cal Dining, the Cal Student Store, the Berkeley Student Food Collective.
- This movement offers the opportunity for campus organizations to work collectively towards expanding Fair Trade products on campus.
- Fair Trade USA, which founded this movement, is directly down Telegraph in downtown Oakland. The founder is a UCB alumni.
- There must be a market for people and organizations that produce Fair Trade goods to receive a fair price for what they are producing. Some fair trade products available nationwide so far include honey, wine, sports balls, etc. Fair Trade USA does certifications for all these products.

- Sale of Fair Trade products helps to develop education programs, improve infrastructure, increase health care, and overall empower communities.
- In 2006 the town Media, Pennsylvania, became the first to be nationally recognized as a Fair Trade Town. These towns are recognized for the products they offer.
- Berkeley was recognized as a Fair Trade Town in June 2011.
- Thus far, there are 4 Fair Trade Universities. If UCB becomes a Fair Trade University, it will be first of its kind to also be in a Fair Trade Town.
- For this purpose, Fair Trade products need to be introduced in university outlets. A Fair Trade Resolution and Procurement Policy must be written, and education and outreach carried out.
- A committee must be formed to incorporate Fair Trade into our university culture, start an education program, etc. So far, students forming the committee have looked at student groups for committee membership, procured information on Cal Dining services, and analyzed Fair Trade resolutions and policies.
- The committee is interested in having a CACS representative at further meetings.
- What actually would the committee be guiding? Who should this committee report to and where should it be housed? For a policy to be drawn, it needs a hosting unit.
- Further plans will be discussed when members reconvene in January.

4. Meeting Wrap-up

- a. Open Announcements (meeting participants can make 30 second sustainability related announcements) - *5 minutes*
- Last words of CACS member Brett Shears, who is leaving for Washington D.C. next semester.
 - Thanks to Kira Stoll, and her last CACS meeting as Committee Co-Chair.

(5-5:30pm – Summit Subcommittee Meeting)

*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) or Katherine Walsh (kwalsh@berkeley.edu).
