

CACS 26 MINUTES
Thursday, February 23, 2006
3:30-5:00 PM
Berkeley Room, 4th Floor
2610 Channing Street

Attendance: Jason Meggs, Steve Maranzana, David Lehrer, Matt St.Clair, Sharima Rasanayagam, Brooke Owyang, Kira Stoll, Lisa Bauer, Judy Chess, Sasha Gennet, Becca Jones, Robert Oehler, John Rolle, Joel Guenther, Fatima Mohsin, Heather Gurnick, Alexandra Kostalas, Rachel Barge, Bob Newell, Lynette Mulvihill, Mark Orłowski, Sam Arons, Christine Shaff, Catherine Koshland

- I. Call to Order, Introductions, Minutes/Agenda Approval
 - a. Agenda approved. Sasha asked for any corrections to forward them.
 - b. Any additions to agenda? No.
(Minutes from the January meeting have not been distributed or approved. This will occur before the March meeting.)
- II. Announcements and Updates
 - a. Summit Planning (Sasha and Judy)
 - i. Currently discussing dates. Probably week after earth week, i.e. The week of April 24-29, depending on the Chancellor's schedule.
 - b. Earthweek Symposium -- "State of the Campus -- Where Berkeley Stands on Sustainability" (Rachel Barge)
 - i. Held on Monday, April 17 (6-8pm tentative), earth week. Date is still flexible.
 - ii. Will describe/discuss the state of the campus and education for campus sustainability. Similar to Green tour with Chancellor.
 - iii. Wants CACS members to come and speak, e-mail Rachel Barge (ASUC sustainability coordinator) at Earthweek@lists.berkeley.edu to find out about Earthweek plans.
 - c. Campus Bicycle Plan (Kira Stoll)
 - i. UC Berkeley Department of Transportation is creating the first Campus Bicycle Plan. It will be available the week of March 6, the electronic version on website www.berkeley.edu/transportation.
 - ii. On March 22 there will be a public info session on the plan. Date, time, and location will be posted on the website.
 - iii. The plan will be formally reviewed by CACS at a future meeting.
 - d. Green Fund (Sasha Gennet)
 - i. Working on the finalized documentation process, which will be sent out tomorrow and Monday.
 - ii. Amount increased to \$2,000/grant and changed to include labor so can pay people to work. Last year it was just for materials not transportation or labor.
 - iii. Discussed mailing lists to forward the information to campus. Christine Shaff commented that the outreach intern can do that.

- iv. Want to include revolving loans in the coming years. Plan to have one \$5,000 grant and another larger grant with stronger requirements (more certain payback...less risk). There is some difficult planning involved.
- e. FY 2006 – 07 Budget submittal (Judy Chess)
 - i. Budget proposals due this week. Proposal on back of Agenda.
 - ii. Need to develop focus, only have placeholder numbers based on past years. Internships and green fund have been increased. Perhaps need to create a budget sub-committee. Vote to have issue handled by executive committee: 14. By sub committee: 0.
 - iv. What is the major initiative in this budget? The draft has a placeholder, but this could be the Climate Plan, or another major initiative. The Committee is asked to submit informal proposals in the next week, and the executive committee will decide and e-mail out to committee for approval and feedback.
 - v. Professor Koshland suggested that proposal should: 1.) Find other funds to support this. 2.) Demonstrate viability of green fund and internships. 3.) Putting an increase in every branch may not be as productive as pumping up one over the other.
- f. Recycling outreach
 - i. (Lisa Bauer) PPCS CRRS is sending out attached paper about recycling at Cal that includes information about CACS.

III. Discussion Items

- a. Students for a Greener Berkeley (Becca Jones)
 - i. Working on a “Plan for a Greener Berkeley.” Going to network with groups on campus to start a student fee referendum.
 - ii. Referendum will ask 5 dollars from every student. Money from this would go to paying for 5 key measures outlined in attachment. Going to take the proposition to the Chancellor.
 - iii. Goal is to commit the university to purchasing 30% post production paper and to give support for sustainable investment initiative. Many other campuses have already done this.
 - iv. Question by Alexandra – What about an environmental center?
Answer – not discussed yet, this is fledgling idea
- b. Climate Change Working Group (Brooke Owyang and Sasah Gennet)
 - i. Next week will have a workshop to bring together stakeholders with the RAEL lab, Wednesday 4135 Etcheverry 12-1:30.
 - ii. Background – Brooke and students pulled together a proposal for a campus climate action plan, Chancellor approved but needs more details to create a plan. Workshop will progress the idea. It may be a policy, projects, or a certain target.
- c. Campus Environmental Policy (Steve Maranzana)
 - i. EH&S has drafted such a policy, and wants CACS support and sponsorship.
 - ii. If there is consensus that this is something CACS wants to push then a subcommittee should be created.

iii. Its a very general policy and doesn't mandate anything. There was some debate as to whether the policy will accomplish anything. However it is argued that you need a policy first before you can make changes.

iv. The campus policy group meets every 2 months. Next meeting is in May.

IV. Presentation: Sustainable Endowments and Investing (Mark Orłowski)

a. Some of the largest economies in the world are corporations

b. Shareholders have voting rights and they can make a difference during annual general meetings (analogous to elections) every spring. Any shareholder can pass a shareholder resolution to ask for a policy change or report.

c. Can use this function to create sustainability reports? I.e. manage energy use and reduce costs.

d. Universities often invest much more in companies. He encourages CACS to explore this idea with UC Berkeley and align investments with sustainability.

i. Questions: What do you do if you have a lot of index funds (small share of stock indexes – no voter rights)? *Answer: A committee could look at the index funds proxy voting record (it's online).* What is the committee structure? *Answer: Just advise the regents don't do the actual voting. Build a working group and campaign with students.*

Berkeley's endowments are in two places 1.) the regents 2.) the UC Berkeley foundation. Need to strategize the UC Berkeley foundation, is faster than the regents. Question: where get more information?

Answer: a number of websites. ICCR.org coordinates a lot. Another is Ceres.org.

V. Sub-Committee Reports – Outreach Subcommittee (Christine Shaff)

a. Working of flyer for the Green Fund. Aliena is the new intern—welcome to CACS. Main focus is to make a logo competition for CACS, that and the green fund. Open to ideas for prizes (maybe a gift certificate for a green restaurant in town). Logo will be unveiled at the summit.

i. Jason Meggs - Idea not dealt with at the outreach committee for the past 4 months – get more teeth to help people implement more sustainability on campus. Eco-police? Proposing a subcommittee to do more work or feels the committee should do more. Judy – need to discuss ways to implement outreach.

ii. Propose to set up a meeting within the next two weeks. The meeting will be scheduled next week.

VI. Internship Updates

a. Energy Conservation Program (Bob Newell and interns)

i. Interns introduced themselves. So far they have attended a few meetings and toured electrical facilities. Have started choosing buildings for pilot programs, deciding on 3-5 buildings. The approach includes networking with staff and faculty (discuss energy efficiency with them).

- ii. Hope to have something to show at the summit. They are always looking for ideas – email to “energyintern@berkeley.edu.” Judy mentioned that people at PG&E conservation program have offered to help out with training and materials.
- iii. Expanding internship is an excellent idea – this program can save money through energy conservation.
- iv. Upcoming for interns – a gathering to talk about ideas. Judy is organizing this.
- b. Berkeley Downtown Green Restaurant Initiative is underway with our City of Berkeley partners. (Judy Chess)
- c. UC-wide Initiatives Benefiting from Student Involvement (Matt St. Clair)
 - i. The Green Building and Clean Energy Steering Committee that developed the original Green Building and Clean Energy Policy met last week for the first time in nearly three years. The committee is now called the Sustainability Steering Committee and will regularly meet every six months for the next two years, and then annually thereafter. The committee will review and update progress on the existing policies.
 - ii. The committee commissioned the formation of working groups to coordinate the implementation of the new climate change and sustainable transportation policy sections, and to formulate new policy guidelines in the areas of sustainable purchasing and sustainable operations (e.g.: the use of LEED for Existing Buildings). The formation of these working groups will be occurring in the near future and are likely to include some student representation.
 - iii. The UC Berkeley representative on the committee is Ed Denton. Staff interested in serving on one of these working groups should probably approach Denton. (contact Judy Chess) Students should contact e-mail: Matthew.stclair@ucop.edu

VII. Adjourn