

**CACS Meeting #44 Notes**  
**Thursday, September 28, 2007**  
**3:30 – 5:00 PM**  
**177 Stanley Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Meeting began at 3:41pm
- b. Introductions/Greetings
- c. Approve minutes from CACS meeting 43 with edit from Matt St. Clair on UCOP events (see UCOP Update)

**II. Announcements and Updates**

- a. Sustainability Director Recruitment (Mark Freiberg)
  - i. The Sustainability Director will report to Nathan Brostrom, the position is classified MSP 2 level and is currently being recruited for.
- b. University of California, Office of the President (UCOP) Update
  - i. Correction to meeting #43 minutes:
    - 1. Green Building and Energy Efficiency Workshops:
      - a. October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007: (CSU Dominguez Hills): Course will provide information on state-of-the-art strategies to improve data center energy performance on campuses.
      - b. October 22 (UCLA) and October 30, 2007 (UCSF): Using LEED for Commercial Interiors to green campus renovation projects
      - c. For more information, visit <http://www.uccsuioee.org/training.html>
    - ii. Annual UC Steering Meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007
      - 1. Vice Chancellor Denton will provide update on what CACS has been doing on campus
      - 2. Working groups are finishing their status reports for the steering committee
        - a. Thanks to all for working on this system wide effort
- c. Internships (Laura Moreno)
  - i. CACS partnered with the City of Berkeley, which has provided \$10,000 for sustainability internships
    - 1. Subcommittee met to decide how the money should be allocated to applicants. Decided on the following:
      - a. Ecology Center – Climate Change Intern, \$3600
      - b. Berkeley Unified School District – Garden and Cooking Program (money will fund Parent Nutrition Program), \$2400
      - c. BioFuel Oasis – Education in Alternative Fuels (focus on growing market for bio fuels) \$1800
      - d. Young Aspirations, Young Artists – Wooden Furniture Reuse, \$2200
    - ii. All are in favor of funding these internships.
    - iii. Next step: Advertise internships. Stay tuned for more information.
    - iv. Mixer dinner October 29<sup>th</sup>, it will be a chance for interns to meet sponsors and network.
- d. Green Fund Grant Donation (Mark Freiberg)
  - i. Corporate Donation of \$2000 from Wal-Mart

- ii. The committee will send a thank-you letter.
- e. Employee Recognition
  - i. Paul Black (Fahmida Ahmed)
    - 1. Want to thank Paul for 29 years of dedicated service to the University. He is retiring October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Laura Moreno (Judy Chess and Lisa Bauer)
    - 1. In recognition of Laura's work last year organizing the Sustainability Summit, which without her would not have happened, among her other duties in CACS, she has received the SPOT award. Congratulations Laura!
      - a. The SPOT award creates role models and communicates the type of noteworthy accomplishments that the campus appreciates. For more information, visit <http://recognition.berkeley.edu/default.htm>

### III. **Bus Rapid Transit** (Jennifer McDougall)

- a. Jennifer presents both sides of the debate concerning AC Transit's Bus Rapid Transit plan
  - i. Bus Rapid Transit features:
    - 1. Dedicate existing road lanes to buses
    - 2. Corridor extends from Downtown Berkeley and the University at the northern end, through Downtown Oakland, to San Leandro at the southern end, primarily using Telegraph Avenue, International Boulevard and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - 3. Traffic would not be allowed in those lanes, allowing buses to run more efficiently.
    - 4. There will be stations raised above the ground rather than bus stops which will allow easier loading and unloading.
    - 5. People will pay for bus at the station rather than upon entering the bus to speed up the process
    - 6. The goal is to reduce headway (amount of time people wait from bus to bus) from 12 minutes to 3.6-5.0 minutes
    - 7. Stations will be ¼ - ½ miles apart
    - 8. Low-floor, multi-door, low-emission BRT vehicles
  - ii. Neighborhood Concern
    - 1. Merchants on Telegraph will be affected by reduced car traffic flow
    - 2. Nearby homeowners do not want increased traffic flow through their streets
  - iii. Campus position is positive
    - 1. BRT proposition reviewed by: Design Review and Executive Campus Planning Committee
    - 2. UC Berkeley willing to support the proposal because it is looking to build more housing, but needs students to be able to get to campus within 10 minutes
  - iv. From Sustainability Point of View:
    - 1. 43% of faculty and staff live within 5 miles of campus and 36% still drive to campus
    - 2. This plan is a step to reduce miles driven in Alameda County and attract current and new transit riders to use public transportation
  - v. CACS concerns

1. Does the Committee have the power to advise the chancellor on this topic?
  - a. Two precedents of such activity: Kyoto USA and letter to Ed Denton about LEED.
2. Does CACS agree or disagree with BRT?
  - a. CACS is a sustainability committee, and so is generally in favor of public transportation
  - b. The committee wants to know the other alternatives
  - c. Cities speaking about such large amounts of money going to new infrastructure for example light rail: not buses.
  - d. This is a huge investment for a comparatively small environmental benefit
- b. Resolution (committee did not vote on this issue)
  - i. Committee agrees it has the power to advise the chancellor on the issue
  - ii. Created Task Force to discuss alternatives, look at CACS' charter, delve deeper into the details of the proposal
    1. Contact Jonathan Winters to join the subcommittee, [jjwintrs@berkeley.edu](mailto:jjwintrs@berkeley.edu)

**IV. TGIF Grant-Making Committee Student Representative**

- a. TGIF stands for The Green Initiative Fund. A committee of students and faculty/staff decide how \$170,000 worth of funds are allocated
- b. CACS will nominate a student to be a part of the TGIF Grant-Making Committee
- c. Kelley Payne is the only nominee; she gives a short speech about why should would like the position.
- d. Kelley Payne is voted as the CACS representative on the TGIF Committee

**V. Executive Committee at Large Representative**

- a. The Executive Committee meets once a month on Thursday, and consists of the current CACS chairs, former chairs, other selected members of the Committee at large. Between meetings, this subcommittee works to set the course for CACS.
- b. Only a member can be nominated for the position: Lisa Bauer and Jonathan Winters were the only two nominated. Each gave a short speech about their qualifications as well.
- c. Jonathan Winters and Lisa Bauer were voted into the Executive Committee

**VI. Committee votes by ballot for ExComm and TGIF representative.**

**VII. Facebook Carpool System Presentation - Sam Arons**

- a. Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)), an online network which originally linked college students to one another, but now includes anyone, has a new feature called Zimride using Google map service.
  - i. Zimride allows people to give or receive rides from other people on Facebook going or in need of a ride to the same place.
  - ii. Carpool is a great way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and Facebook provides the communication link between the two parties.
  - iii. A user-friendly interface, which also allows you to see who you would be traveling with, and if you know any of the same people in your network (UC Berkeley in this case).

**VIII. Adjourn**

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50.