

CACS 46 Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 29, 2007
3:30 – 5:00 PM
177 Stanley Hall

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting began at 3:43 pm
- b. Introductions
 - i. Note there are changes to the CACS roster
- c. Minutes from CACS meeting 45 are approved.

II. Announcements and Updates

- a. Sustainability Director Recruitment (Mark Freiberg)
 - i. Emily Sexton, Vice Chancellor Nathan Brostrom's Assistant, is arranging lunches that will allow UC Berkeley members to meet and greet the three Sustainability Director finalists the search committee has narrowed down.
 - ii. Mark mentions that CACS has had quite a bit of representation on the committee to meet and choose the finalists – both CACS co-chairs Mark Freiberg and Laura Moreno are on the search committee
 - 1. It would be difficult at this point, to get a lunch appointment
 - 2. However, the panel is pleased with the strength of the pool and qualifications of the candidates, creating a good search process
- b. Environmental Commitment Statement (Mark Freiberg)
 - i. A final draft of campus policy on environment protection is now circulating the campus community
 - 1. Hope that there will be no further changes and that it will be issued and sent out by Chancellor Birgeneau or Vice Chancellor Nathan Brostrom by the end of November, 2007.
 - ii. The Policy Advisory Groups weighed in on the process to ensure that the statement got directed to pertinent groups and that they were aware of it and could make changes
 - iii. CACS provided input into early drafts, as did the Academic Senate
 - iv. One of the document's early revisions was to take out its standard policy format which is lengthy and bureaucratic.
 - 1. Instead, the reviewers felt the statement should be more a value statement than a policy one.
 - v. Steve Maranzana, head of outreach committee points out that CACS had a sub committee which made changes to the statement earlier in the process.
- c. University of California Office of the President Update (Matt St. Clair)
 - i. UCSB's Campus Sustainability Annual Report was circulated as an fyi
 - ii. Congratulations to UC Berkeley for sending so many staff members to a training workshop on "Using LEED-CI for Greening Campus Renovation Projects"
 - 1. another training workshop was held in Southern California on the topic of data center energy efficiency, resulting in the executive director for Information Resources and Communications at UCOP

- a. See it as an opportunity to add research capacity to Berkeley's research in sustainability.
 - b. Also see it as an opportunity for civil engagement of campus as a teaching event
 - c. BIE will unveil its green house gas footprint calculator at FTN
 - iii. CACS as co-sponsor
 - 1. Fahmida asked CACS to financially co-sponsor Focus the Nation by providing the funds of \$500 for posters the event requires.
 - a. The motion passed at the meeting to fulfill Fahmida's request.
 - 2. Still trying to solidify funding, the event needs more sponsors
 - a. BIE is providing funding for, among other things, using I-House
 - iv. Attendance
 - 1. Chancellor Birgeneau has approved 2 hours for staff to take time out of the day on January 31st, thus providing the entire campus community the chance to participate.
 - 2. Elected officials from the City of Berkeley and others will be called forward to attend this event
 - v. Advertising
 - 1. Focus the Nation wants to do a promotional video, possibility of CACS members having a voice in the video
 - 2. Working on getting a webcast of the event.
 - vi. Outreach Subcommittee
 - 1. Met with Fahmida earlier
 - a. The committee was going to recommend that CACS help fund the event
 - 2. CACS will table at Focus the Nation and have intern posters up from last year
 - 3. Also, the subcommittee suggests to have a CACS member on the campus panel, perhaps one of the co-chairs
 - 4. The sub committee will meet again on December 12th to discuss further details.
 - a. 3:30-4:30 pm in 370 University Hall
 - vii. Judy Chess asks whether the event will extend an invitation to Berkeley High
 - 1. It doesn't seem that it will be as of right now
- g. Sustainability Summit '08 (Laura Moreno, Irene Seliverstov)
 - i. This year CACS has \$15,000 to expand the sustainability summit
 - 1. It will be located in Pauley Pavilion to accommodate a larger attendance – the goal is 300 people, up from about 100 last year
 - ii. The summit will consist of two parts
 - 1. The first part will be the traditional summit: intern posters, awarding Green Fund Grants, Sustainability Award, and Chancellor Birgeneau recognizing the sustainability achievements on campus, perhaps the Director of Sustainability will be there to share her/his vision for the campus
 - 2. The second, new part of the summit will consist of break out sessions enabling the summit to include a larger net of stakeholders

- a. There will also be suggestion boxes for attendees to have an outlet for their voices to be heard about sustainability issues
 - iii. The planning subcommittee is looking for ideas, suggestions, and people to attend meetings. Contact Irene at iseliverstov@berkeley.edu for information about the next meeting.
 - h. CACS faculty/staff Co-Chair Nominations
 - i. The faculty/staff Co-Chair position will be open next semester as Mark Freiberg will no longer hold the position
 - 1. Laura Moreno, the student Co-Chair will remain in her position
 - ii. CACS is now starting a nomination process to find a replacement for Mark
 - 1. Send in your nominations by December 11th
 - 2. CACS will vote on this issue at the December meeting, Thursday 13th.
 - i. December CACS Social (Laura Moreno)
 - i. The December 13th CACS meeting will have a half hour social at the end of the meeting! This is a great way to end the year 2007.
 - j. CalCAP (Fahmida Ahmed)
 - i. Fahmida described CalCAP's work areas as stated on the Executive Campus Planning Committee Information Item from November 27, 2007.
 - 1. Implement CalCAP's recommendations for UC Berkeley
 - 2. Identify funding sources
 - 3. Green house gases information management
 - 4. Research integration and special studies
 - 5. Energy conservation and outreach
 - ii. CalCAP posters will officially be printed and distributed across campus
 - 1. funded by EH&S
- III. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update
 - a. There was a subcommittee meeting on November 26th.
 - b. The subcommittee composed a statement supporting BRT (look below at attached document)
 - i. The proposal is strictly limited to the objective of BRT serving the campus, and supports the letter shared from July 2nd sent to Jim Cunradi of BRT from the campus
 - ii. The final point is that the proposal advises the Chancellor that the University should continue being active in this proposal as it moves forward
 - iii. This proposal is more specific than the original thoughts brought forward to CACS at the last meeting
 - iv. The subcommittee feels that CACS should give support to that which seems to be moving in the right direction
 - v. Proposed Motion: transmit the statement the subcommittee wrote in accordance to the administrative process to the Chancellor body
 - c. Debate/Concerns
 - i. BRT and the proposal the subcommittee wrote does not address the long term problem
 - 1. buses still rely on gasoline, need a new technology rather than use buses

- ii. Some would prefer to urge the campus to take a more active role in helping AC transit and other authorities create a more effective rapid transit proposal for the bay area that will solve the pertinent long term issues
- iii. In response, it is pointed out that light rails can be put right over the special bus lanes, that is, better to take small steps in the correct direction than none at all.
 - 1. Pointed out that BRT looked into light rail but assessed that it was too expensive
- d. New wording
 - i. After great debate over wording, CACS made three changes to the motion
 - 1. In the first resolution, the word “bus” was removed
 - 2. In the last resolution, the word ‘recommended’ was modified with “strongly”
 - 3. And also in the last resolution, “and other matters relating to the development of environmentally sustainable mass transit systems in the East Bay” was added after the last word, “above.”
 - e. Motion passed to approve the above phrasing
 - 1. See the revised BRT motion attached below

IV. Solar Decathlon: Bozidar Stojadinovic

- a. Background
 - i. International competition in which University teams of students build sustainable houses
 - 1. apart from figuring out how to build the homes, students have to find the funding, materials, and actually build it
 - ii. Houses are then moved to the National Mall in Washington DC and voted on: throughout the week the public can walk through the homes
- b. Bozidar proposes that UC Berkeley should send a team to this competition
 - i. Need to start recruiting now, build a team, train it, and have it ready to attend the competition in 2011 since it will take that long for a completely new team to be up to par with other Universities
 - ii. Bozidar calls for support in CACS to get this project going as soon as possible
- c. It is suggested to introduce the Solar Decathlon at the Sustainability Summit in April
- d. If you would like to get involved in this effort, please contact Bozidar, boza@ce.berkeley.edu

V. Adjourned: 5:00 pm

CACS Statement in support of Bus Rapid Transit

WHEREAS, the mission of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS) is to provide leadership on the campus to engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about reaching environmental sustainability as well as to instill a culture of sustainable long-range planning and forward-thinking design; and

Whereas the Berkeley campus has a special responsibility to meet the transportation needs of our students, faculty and staff while maintaining both the integrity of the environment and positive relationships with the broader community (2004 CACS Sustainability Assessment, Transportation Section, p. 4); and

Whereas the Berkeley campus' "balanced approach" to transportation and access as the campus grows means that successful implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Telegraph Route proposed by AC Transit could result in development of 500 fewer new parking spaces if BRT is developed in a timely fashion such that a portion of campus transportation needs can be met through public transit.

Therefore be it resolved that:

CACS supports the AC Transit objective of implementing high level rapid transit improvements to service the Berkeley campus community.

CACS reiterates the recommendations of the Executive Campus Planning Committee as summarized in the July 2, 2007 letter from Assistant Vice Chancellor Marthinsen and Director Pinto to AC Transit.

CACS understands that the BRT planning process is at a critical stage, with the cities of San Leandro, Oakland and Berkeley in process of selecting a preferred routing alternative for further study by AC Transit, and strongly recommends that the Berkeley campus leadership continue to be active in advocating the interests of the University and the recommendations outlined in the letter mentioned above and other matters relating to the development of environmental mass transit systems in the East Bay.