

CACS 47 Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 13, 2007
3:30 – 5:00 PM
University Hall, Room 150

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting began at 3:40
- b. Minutes 46 passed out and approved at end of the meeting with a word change under the UCOP update

II. Announcements and Updates

- a. Sustainability Director Recruitment - Mark Freiberg
 - i. Campus executives and other stakeholders are meeting face-to-face with the finalists for the position.
 - ii. The selection will likely be made in December, with the new director starting perhaps in late January 2008
- b. Environmental Commitment Statement - Mark Freiberg
 - i. the "Statement of our Commitment to the Environment" has been finalized
 - ii. a strategic communications plan is being developed by staff from the office of Environment Health & Safety and Vice Chancellor Brostrom's office
 - iii. The announcement to the campus is expected in January 2008.
- c. University of California Office of the President Update - Matt St. Clair
 - i. No Update
- d. Focus the Nation (FTN) – Fahmida Ahmed
 - i. Sending out invitations to all listserves, setting up RSVP opportunities on websites
 - ii. Campus is interested to participate since FTN announced its speaker - expecting more support from Chancellor's office now
 - iii. FTN would like CACS to nominate a speaker for the second panel focusing on solutions
 - iv. Break out sessions will discuss topics prepared by Students for a Greener Berkeley
 - 1. Presidential Debate
 - a. Six different characters role-play presidential candidates to discuss various pertinent topics
 - b. Panel on public transportation
 - c. Another panel will discuss ways to be more environmentally friendly
 - v. Will send out some invitations addressed from central campus
 - 1. contact Christine Shaff for correct procedure
 - 2. send closer to January 31st
- e. Sustainability Summit '08 – Laura Moreno
 - i. Desirae Early introduced. She is a new intern hired to organize the Summit with Laura Moreno and Irene Seliverstov.
- f. CalCAP Progress Report – Fahmida Ahmed
 - i. CalCAP course students gave presentations to steering committee

- ii. They presented ideas that have been heard before, but made them sound more ‘appetizing’ since they came from students
 - iii. The students’ findings from Business Case IV are:
 - 1. Money is not always the issue: need the right people to get projects going
 - a. If we go at the current rate of implementation, it will take 60 years to meet the target.
 - 2. They focused on energy efficiency but also emphasized conservation.
 - 3. Focused on different Universities and case studies by looking at what their Office of Sustainability looks like:
 - a. The most successful have directors, five-six coordinators, and a great connection to students.
 - 4. Final findings will be presented on the calCAP website, <http://sustainability.berkeley.edu/calcap/>
- III. Sustainable Food Systems at Cal Dining - Shawn Lapean
- a. Shawn Lapean is the Director of CalDining, which is part of Residential and Student Service Program (RSSP)
 - b. CalDining serves 26,000 meals a day, has 262 full time staff, with 100 part time
 - c. CalDining has exciting sustainable and environmentally friendly programs
 - i. LOHAS: Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability – LOHAS companies practice “responsible capitalism” by providing goods and services using economic and environmentally sustainable business practices. <http://www.lohas.com/>
 - ii. Crossroads was the first building on campus to be certified as a green business by third party audits
 - 1. the building is not certified green, but the activities within it are
 - iii. CalDining serves organic (cage-free) eggs, organic milk is coming in January, organic groceries (packaged foods like chips)
 - iv. Composting
 - 1. conducted in some dining halls (Crossroads) and residential buildings (Unit 1)
 - 2. the only non-compostable item in the dining halls are popsicle wrappers
 - 3. composting is picked up by a private hauler and used for agriculture, viticulture, and some urban composting
 - 4. garden in Clark Kerr uses the compost, creating a complete circle
 - v. Working with Community Alliance of Family Farmers (CAFF) and Agricultural and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) as part of “buy fresh, buy local” campaign.
 - 1. ALBA brings food from local farms to the consumer: it provides 30% of organic food brought to UC Santa Cruz
 - 2. Clark Kerr dining hall is working on a “farm to table” program
 - vi. Natural items are sold at retail locations and online
 - 1. ie Seventh Generation detergents, napkins etc.
 - vii. Left over food from dining halls is donated to local shelters

- viii. Eat the World, Save the Planet
 - 1. This event is run by Student Sustainability Coordinators to educate students about food waste by encouraging them not to throw away food. Students who finish their meals get a treat!
 - ix. CalDining workers receive living wages, uniforms made in the USA, are enrolled in a wellness program: stretches between meals (in partnership with RecSports)
 - x. CalDining has reusable bags and promotes tap water
 - 1. Kleen Kanteens can be bought at retail locations
 - xi. Future projects:
 - 1. make Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories a green location as well (CalDining recently took over LBL's small cafeteria location)
 - 2. Begin composting at Golden Bear Café
 - xii. The CalDining website is: <http://caldining.berkeley.edu/> where you can find more information about CalDining's sustainable practices and other news
- IV. CACS Faculty/Staff Co-Chair Elections – Mark Freiberg
- a. Jonathan Winters and Steve Maranzana are the two nominees, each gave a brief speech about their qualifications and interest in becoming co-chair
 - b. CACS members vote and elected Jonathan Winters as the new co-chair.
- V. End of Year Social Mixer
- a. Thanks to Lisa Bauer, Judy Chess and Laura Moreno for organizing the mixer! It was a great way to end 2007.