**Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS)**

**Wednesday, November 30, 10:30am-12:00pm**

**Stephens Lounge, 2nd floor MLK**

**MINUTES**

*Attendees: Alex Butler, Amir Karkia, Hilary Beckmann, Karl Hans, Katherine Walsh, Lisa McNeilly, Lin King, Sharon Daraphonhdeth, Kira Stoll, Veronica Wong, Robert Barton, Rigel Robinson, Sharon Chen*

1. Welcome – *Karl Hans, Co-Chair; Lisa McNeilly*

Karl welcomed attendees to the first CACS meeting of the year; Lisa briefly reviewed the Committee mission and major accomplishments.

1. Member Introductions – *All*

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves, sharing their unit/department and a strength/skill they bring to CACS.

1. Workplan – *Karl Hans; Lisa McNeilly*

Lisa presented on the overall work of the committee. In general, the committee will meet 1-2 times per semester. In addition, there are two standing subcommittees. The Executive Committee is comprised of the full-time sustainability staff and will work to set meeting agendas and to further the work of the committee between meetings. The Summit and Awards subcommittee will be convened in the spring to plan the April Summit and select award winners.

Karl initiated discussion on two related, new committee initiatives. The first was a possible statement to the Chancellor Search Committee about the important role of sustainability on campus. While the committee reached a general consensus on the content of such a letter, it does not now seem like there will be time to complete it before the holiday break.

The committee was also in general agreement about working to develop a briefing packet for the new Chancellor. Rigel Robinson, Veronica Wong, and Kira Stoll volunteered to be on a sub-committee that will begin work in the new year. Potential items to include:

* Introduction to sustainability, highlighting the major initiatives and progress to date, importance to stakeholders and mission of the university, and an outline of departments doing sustainability work
* Detailed from each of these departments and on major initiatives
* Major accomplishments and current priorities, including examples of academic-driven projects
* Opportunities for leadership and innovation
* Connection to UCOP

1. Presentation on Zero Waste communication efforts – *Hilary Bekmann (UCOP)*

Hilary presented on the Zero Waste communications program, including a toolkit, monthly themes, and a website (among other things). It will be rolled out in December and updated over time. It is hoped that each campus will find components useful and that they will personalize the offerings. Some events, related to monthly themes, might be set up as system-wide ones, and limited funding may be made available to campuses to help with implementation.

The Committee discussed several ways that the campus could best utilize these resources, given the many interested parties and stakeholders. The VWR/Stanley stockroom and the CACS Sustainability Summit were suggested as possible partners for events/promotions related to monthly themes (green labs and April, respectively). Other partners and efforts were also suggested – the Zero Waste WG, housing, ASUC, SERC, new student group on zero waste, Move Out, etc. – but more planning needs to be done. Questions were also raised about the overall goal of the communications (awareness?) and what we would be asking of people (behavior change?). This will be the topic at a January Executive Committee meeting (to be scheduled).

Hilary also shared that the first day of the Sustainable Procurement working group meeting in San Diego (February 1, 2017) will discuss zero waste and is open to all who wish to attend. Please email her ([hilary.bekmann@ucop.edu](http://hilary.bekmann@ucop.edu)) if you are interested, to be added to the invite list.

1. Presentation on Carbon Neutrality Initiative – *Kira Stoll* (Postponed)
2. TGIF Spring cycle – *Sharon Daraphonhdeth*

Sharon shared the below deadlines for the TGIF Spring Grant cycle. Informational session

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| ***Stage 1: Open to all UC Berkeley students, staff, and faculty*** Early Abstract Submission: Monday, January 30, 2017 by 5pm Final Abstract Submission: Monday, February 27, 2017 by 5pm  ***Stage 2: By Invitation Only, selected from the abstract submissions*** Final Application Submission: Monday, April 3, 2017 by 5pm |

1. Questions and Announcements – *All*

There were no announcements.