

Los Medanos College

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Room L-106

Attendees:

Briana McCarthy, Jenifer Fay, Kurt Crowder, Kasey Gardner, Russ Holt, Estrella Castaneda, Julie Lucca

Minutes:

1:30 - 2:00: Welcome to everyone, announcements, and introductions to our two first-time attendees

- We Reviewed and approved minutes from previous meeting in October.
- Russ announced that the District Office's sustainability report will be released next week.
- We discussed how to respond when we get questions about recycling and bins.
 - Russ estimated that Barry Edwards has 15 bins that should be put into circulation
 - We thought it would be useful to give preference to those who would be good "stewards" of the bins" (ie making sure they don't get too trashed)
 - Julie suggested a photo to be displayed on the screens in A&R educating people about how to use the bins.
- Kasey spoke about his work with Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB), how corporations quantify their sustainability efforts per unit of revenue. While the school is different from a corporation, there still needs to be a way to quantify our efforts. He is interested in seeing how District budget disclosures can reveal ways in which we can be more sustainable.
- Estrella suggested an event day: Day of reducing carbon footprints. It could be a combo of transit, biking, and carpooling. We'll see if Delta Transit can offer anything.

2:00- 2:15: Sustainable Enterprise Conference Share-out

- Julie talked about her experience at the conference
 - 3 students from LMC were in attendance
 - A "no idle zone" in areas where cars wait was an idea gleaned from the conference
 - People don't change their values, but economics changes their behavior.
 - If we have no financial backing, then instill enthusiasm in students

2:15 – 2:45 Reviewed items from October meeting

- Office Audit Workshop followed by Green Office Challenge + Prize
 - Briana and Kurt both brought links to various green audit forms:
 - www.nbis.org/resources
 - <http://sustainability.ucr.edu/certification/greenofficeprogram.html>
 - <http://www.northwestern.edu/sustainability/take-action/your-space/index.html>

- http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/deh/doing_business/chd_greenbus.html
- Earth Day festival is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th, 10am-1pm
 - First Generation Farmers will present from 10-11, and we will split the fee with Health and Wellness
 - We plan to file a PDAC mini grant to fund some of our activities, including above.

2:45 – 3:00 Setting time and Action Items for Next meeting

- We decided to meet a week later than planned. Jen will make doodle poll to set the time and date.
- Russ will talk to Barbara Cella about placing recycling info on the screens in A&R
- Julie and Briana will develop content for the recycling info
- Members will come prepared to brainstorm about how a green office audit workshop could be structured.