**Los Medanos College**

**Sustainability Committee**

**Friday, May 20, 2011**

**Minutes**

**CORE Room 423**

**3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Present:, Kurt Crowder, Russ Holt, , John Henry, Danielle Liubicich, Frank Ichigaya

Absent: Jamila Stewart, Bruce Cutler, Shaun Regacho, Brian Delgadillo, Janelle Hampton

**I Review Shared Governance Council Charges – No action**

The Shared Governance Council Charges were reviewed:

* Establish a purpose and related goals and objectives for the Sustainability Committee.
* Research effective practices of sustainability which are replicable at LMC.
* Develop, implement and assess sustainability activities on campus, including but not limited to: a Recycling Program and Earth Day Activities.
* Effectively inform students and staff about campus sustainability activities in which they can participate.

We discussed that we would address these charges at future meetings in order to develop a process for pursuing each over the balance of this and next academic year.

**II Review Goals Identified by Sustainability Committee Last Year – Russ**

We reviewed the following goals that the Sustainability committee had pursued last year and had a brief discussion how they might be pursued this year.

Recycling Program

Russ reported the he spent some time talking with Dave Belman about student involvement. Apparently it has been tried but unsuccessful. A program of students doing the recycling was not making enough money to pay for itself.

Computer/Monitors Sleep Mode

Same as last month, IT continues to work on making the new software perform properly.

Earth Day

The committee decided to focus Earth Day 2012 which will be on April 22nd . One suggestion is that we ask all faculty to incorporate something to do with Earth day and sustainability into every class session on that day.

Light Sensors – no-change from last month

Russ will draft an e-mail to be sent out to the campus about the proper places to install motion sensors for lighting and ask for input from the campus community as to if any of these type of conditions exist on campus where there is not already a motion sensor.

Construction Projects

We would like to understand what practices are used in construction to promote sustainability.

**III Develop Plan for Balance of Academic Year – All**

1. Bins for recyclable products, hopefully made of recycled products.
2. Look into ways to promote sustainability on campus and at home.
3. Franks continues to look into paper dispensing products that allow use of all of the product rather than replacement of partial rolls with new.
4. Russ found out that we have a program for recycling of alkaline batteries. We have boxes for collection at the tool room, math lab and MESA. These boxes are for use by everybody on campus for school purposes only. The school has to pay for disposal of these batteries.

**IV Identify Process for Electrical Conservation Contest Funds**

Russ did draft an e-mail to the college community to ask for ideas for energy saving projects and explain the use of the funds for the energy conservation contest. Several ideas were received in response to the E-mail. Also Danielle provided a list of several ideas from her Bio7 class. The group spent some time looking at the ideas and it was decided that with the number of members missing from today’s meeting and the somewhat small number of viable ideas we would put off making a decision until next meeting in the fall. Russ will consolidate all ideas submitted into one list for everybody to review.

Russ will also send out another e-mail in the beginning of the fall semester to ask for more ideas.

Russ brought in samples from a company that makes eating and drinking products from compostable and recycled products. He will also discuss with Kevin, the Fresh and Natural manager in the LMC Cafeteria, the pros and cons and possibilities of using these types of products here at LMC.

**V.** We are considering a newtime of day and day of the week for our meetings in the fall. A suggestion that was presented was Wednesdays either at 1pm or 2pm. Russ will put out an E-mail to all committee members asking for suggestions and set up a way to vote on options.

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