

Los Medanos College
Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes
Wed, 11/4 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
L-106

Meeting Roles:

Facilitator: Briana McCarthy

Snack Provider: Robin Harrison (**Will provide snacks next time!**)

Minutes

1:30 – 1:35 Welcome & Review Minutes from Last Meeting – BMC

- We did not review minutes; will do this at our next meeting

In attendance:

- Russ Holt – Facilities Director
- Briana McCarthy – Biology Faculty
- Robin Harrison – EOPS (CARE program)
- Kelsey Fordahl - Student

1:35 – 1:45 Brainstorm Questions for Bob Kratochvil – LMC President

- Set priorities/brainstorm questions for Bob
 - We decided to focus on questions about funding with top priorities listed as
 - Earth Day funding – speakers, food, advertising
 - Water bottle refill stations – estimated at \$1500 per unit (not incl installation, which Facilities would provide)

1:45 – 2:30 Welcome Bob/Q&A about Campus or District Initiatives around Sustainability

- Bob joined us and asked what our funding priorities were
 - Will send him a list of priorities (see above) along with associated costs and timeline
- We shared what we have been working on and discussed the feasibility of these projects
 - Bob recommended looking into CSU East Bay waste reduction/composting efforts as a model
 - Also recommended working with Health & Wellness on setting priorities for new Student Union (particularly food vendors)
 - Asked us to clarify our recycling priorities – diverting from landfill or generating revenue to potentially fund sust.-related efforts (such as paying student workers to manage recycling on campus)
- Bob also shared other sustainability efforts on campus, such as replacing grass with synthetic turf, reducing paper with electronic agendas, etc

2:30 – 3:15 Share Out on Last Month's Action Items

- Fall 2015 Sust Comm Goal: Set Up Systems to Reduce Landfill Waste on Campus
 - Jen's share-out (communicated by Briana):
 - Pittsburg Disposal manages our landfill waste – does NOT sort out recycling upon receiving our landfill stream
 - Mt Diablo Recycling manages our recyclables – picks up 5-2 yard recycling bins once a week
 - Kurt:

- Researched refillable markers and found Auspens to receive highest customer-ratings and would save money in long-term (last a long time, don't need to be refilled as often as other pens)
 - <http://www.auspen.us>
 - Case of 6 with refill containers: \$53.95
- Talked with Kevin about new vendors for Student Union – Kevin communicated that 2 vendors had been selected and that in a year, we can revisit conversation about sustainability principles being factored into decision. Is open to this.
- Briana:
 - Got in touch with Signal Campus who will custom build 6 campus bins that will be serviced monthly and generate \$3600 revenue annually for campus
 - Want to keep this revenue connected to Sust Committee for Earth Day, education series, other sust-rel efforts
 - Invited Bob to meeting 😊
 - Emailed Curtis Corlew about student-created ads for Earth Day – will follow up

3:15 – 3:25 Share Out New Action Items for Next Meeting

- Kelsey – will reach out to guest speaker and ask for estimate
- Robin – will reach out to Custodial to obtain more individual recycling bins
- Briana & Russ – will put together proposal for Bob

3:25 – 3:30 Confirm Next Meeting

- Snack Provider – Robin!
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 2nd 1:30-3:30 SS4-409