

TO: Senate Sustainability Committee

FROM: Geoffrey Chase, Chair
Undergraduate Council

DATE: April 24, 2008

RE: Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2008

Committee Members Attending: Jessica Barlow, Steven Kiczek, Darrel Moellendorf, Geoffrey Chase, Robert Schulz, Eric Elson designee for Norma Clark, Director of Facilities, Bruce Rogow designee for Doug Myrland, Justin Motika.
Non-Voting Attendees: Mariah Hudson, Lisa Wortman

- I. Announcements
 1. Sustainability efforts by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), Geoff Chase
 - a. Report from the cent AASHE Board Meeting; AASHE is adding institutional member per day
 - b. AASHE Annual Meeting November 7-9 2008, Raleigh North Carolina
 2. CSU Sustainability Summits upcoming at San Luis Obispo and Chico in the late summer and fall, Geoff Chase
 3. Report from AS Council Meeting, Justin Motika
 - a. AS Green Love board was approved by AS.
Charge: make recommendations for use of \$250k budget from fee waiver and oversee sustainable progress of the organization and new projects
 - b. Committee will host a keynote speaker every week "lunch and learn" seminars, open to campus 11-1 every Wednesday (11-12 main meeting), Athletics will send a representative and seats for campus organizations E3, Green Campus etc.
 - c. AS Finalized contracts for 100% post consumer paper and bathroom products. Mission Bay Aquatic center, solar panels installed
 - d. Green Love Posters: AS will provide posters to the Deans, physical plant will install; Green Love computer wall paper is available
 4. SDSU has recently received two awards for Sustainable projects, UC/CSU/IOU Energy Efficiency, 2008 Best Practice Awards for the categories of Water Efficiency/Site Water Quality and Transportation Demand Management, Bob Schulz

5. Other updates: Physical Plant will begin single-stream recycling in the next couple of months. The Library has created a Green Committee, has met one time, in planning/ idea phase, Steven Kiczek
- II. Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) from AASHE
 1. Questions from the Committee: What is the evidence that an institution is "Greener." What are indicators?
 2. Should SDSU become a pilot institution? Initial interest from the committee, but need for research about fees and obligations. Lisa Wortman will research for June meeting.
 3. Comments: Educational Research section on curriculum, should focus on learning outcomes rather than course offerings
 Bob Schulz: STARS does not include KWA to BTU ratio, would be worth while to assess per person or per square foot analysis of energy use.
 Bruce Rogow: hope that best practice summary will be result of STARS pilots Geoff Chase: that is the plan to offer range of options and resources
 Suggestions: Stars initially as an internal document? Accreditation based on mission
 4. Decision to table STARS document, until information gathering can be completed
 - III. Sustainability tours current: periodically done by facilities staff including Bill Lekas. Offered to faculty and student groups.
 1. Interest in creating a self-guided tour, or add on sustainability information to prospective student tour done by Ambassadors.
 - IV. Ways to Promote Sustainability
 1. Sustainability Expo on campus (undergraduate research); could be a part of existing events/ programs; Undergraduate Research Symposium and Common Experience.
 2. Award for student research on sustainability as a part of expo.
 - V. Committee Agenda and Direction
 1. President's Climate Commitment, proposal to read and consider for next meeting. Committee will begin conversation about President's Climate commitment to bring to Senate in the fall.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 pm

Next Meeting May 2, 2008, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm