



Rancho Santiago Community College District
Sustainable RSCCD Committee

Meeting Notes

October 30, 2019

Members:	Carri Matsumoto	Present
	Bart Hoffman	Absent
	Arleen Satele	Absent
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Jose Vargas	Present
	Kimo Morris	Absent
	Kelly Ro	Absent
	Angela Guevara	Present
	Aggie Kellett	Absent
	Ambar Nakagami	Present
	Simone Wolfe	Present
	Omar Cortes	Present

Assistant Vice Chancellor Carri Matsumoto convened the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

1. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Meeting Notes of September 18, 2019

Ms. Matsumoto noted the meeting notes from the September 18, 2019 meeting were attached to the agenda for today's meeting.

3. 2018-2019 Status of Completed Programs and Projects/Achievements

Ms. Matsumoto asked the committee to identify all completed programs and projects/achievements from last year and e-mail them to her by the end of this calendar year so they can be included in the next SRC report.

4. Review of March 2019 Programs, Projects and Planning List

Ms. Matsumoto noted this list is from the Sustainability Plan and it hasn't been updated since the Sustainability Plan was approved. She updated it and attached a redline version to the agenda for today's meeting. The committee members reviewed the list as a group and proposed changes that should be made and will provide an updated redline version for the next meeting.

Mr. Vargas inquired how a central plant building improves efficiency or increases sustainability. Ms. Matsumoto noted that a central plant building is more effective because it's centralized in one building and saves energy versus individual package units in multiple buildings trying to operate independently.

Ms. Matsumoto noted that some of the committee members inquired about the campuses providing paper straws instead of plastic straws, providing biodegradable straws and utensils and the bookstores providing a more affordable re-usable water bottle option to sell at the last meeting. Ms. Matsumoto shared an e-mail she received from the Director of Auxiliary Services at SAC that stated the following: "We do not currently sell reusable straws. We do give out utensils at no cost to the students, but they are simple plastic ones that are donated by our food vendors. We will research the cost of biodegradable options. Our current Hydroflask pricing is as low as we can go (\$7 below market), but we do offer multiple other non-name brand options that range in pricing from \$3.00 to \$17.00. Please keep in mind that these are answers for SAC operations only. As we plan for our new store in the Johnson Student Center we are looking for ways to increase sustainable business practices and options."

5. College Earth Day Events

Mr. Cortes noted he is planning an environmental awareness day at SAC for November 19, 2019 from 11am – 1pm.

Ms. Nakagami noted that Santiago Canyon College's Earth Day will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2020 instead of Saturday, April 25, 2020.

Mr. Vargas noted that SCC is thinking of combining Earth Day, the 20th anniversary of the campus and Science Night into one event.

6. Other

Mr. Cortes noted that SAC's ASG has a committee that is working on creating a food pantry that will be free and accessible for students. He is volunteering a lot with the environmental club at SAC and is teaching the students how to grow their own food so they can be more sustainable and not have to depend on the grocery stores. He is taking the students to community gardens so they can learn to grow and cultivate their own produce. He is advocating for a study-abroad program at SAC at the Board Meetings.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 3 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room (#114) at the District Office.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:28 p.m.