

Rancho Santiago Community College District
Rancho Innovation and Sustainability Committee

Meeting Notes

July 18, 2012

Members:	Raúl Rodríguez	Present
	Peter Hardash	Absent
	Steve Kawa	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Jose Vargas	Absent
	Kimo Morris	Absent
	Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon	Absent
	Doug Deaver	Present
	Michael Taylor	Absent
	Tammy Cottrell	Present
	Laurene Lugo	Present
	Jana Cruz	Present
	Hugh Nguyen	Absent
	Zack Ziade	Present
Also Attending:	Judy Iannaccone	
	Elisabeth Pechs	
	Maricela Sandoval	

1. District and College Sustainability Plan

Chancellor Rodríguez reported that he will be meeting with the architect in August and a presentation to the RISC will take place following the meeting. ***Dr. Rodríguez also committed to get a copy of the sustainability plan template developed by Citrus College for the committee's review.***

2. Current Efforts

Chancellor Rodríguez stated that an update to the solar energy analysis of the district offices was finalized and, unfortunately, there are very few areas where solar energy is possible. The district will, however, continue to explore ways to implement solar energy wherever possible.

3. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Transportation – the subcommittee reviewed reports from the AQMD and the district's Research Department and determined the data is outdated. Questions have been developed that they'd like included in the RISC survey being developed by the Communications Subcommittee. ***The Subcommittee will also be contacting OCTA and the AQMD to explore resources and information they have and perhaps invite a representative to a future meeting.***

3. Subcommittee Reports (continued)

- b. Facilities – the subcommittee is focusing on developing a building standard to incorporate sustainability in newly constructed district buildings. An analysis of electricity usage is being done and an effort will be made to work with the utilities to receive any incentives possible.
- c. Recycling – Waste Management has expressed interest in working with the district to help build a more sustainable waste stream management for our district. ***Follow up will be made with them. Contact is also being made with the feeder municipalities in an effort to work together.***
- d. Communication – an eBlast is scheduled for the week of September 10 to announce the committee and provide a link to the RISC survey. ***All subcommittees are requested to get their questions for the survey to Judy Iannaccone by August 13*** so that it can be brought to the August 22 RISC meeting for review. It was suggested that a student survey be developed for spring 2013 that can be incorporated into their registration process. The subcommittee is putting together a newsletter for distribution the week of October 29 and suggested a logo for the sustainability campaign “Sustainable RSCCD.” This will be incorporated into all communication from the RISC. Elements of the newsletter were discussed and agreed to by the members present. It was also suggested that ***talking to clubs/classes/committees will be a good way to introduce the sustainability effort.***

4. Other

Discussion took place on how best to get students involved. It was suggested that attending Club Rush at each campus would be a good way to reach out and connect on this issue.

Chancellor Rodríguez committed to including comments on sustainability in his remarks at both colleges’ Fall Convocation. He also suggested the ***committee look for more ways to use technology at meetings.***

Ms. Iannaccone reported on research she’d done on using recycled paper and discussed how she was going to incorporate use of the paper in the Production area. Discussion on how paper is purchased in the district took place and ***Chancellor stated that he would have someone look into this.***

If the committee would like to change its name, please forward suggestions of a new name to the Chancellor’s office.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:05 p.m.