

Rancho Santiago Community College District  
**Rancho Innovation and Sustainability Committee**

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**Meeting Notes**

October 17, 2012

Members:	Raúl Rodríguez	Absent
	Peter Hardash	Present
	Steve Kawa	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Jose Vargas	Present
	Kimo Morris	Absent
	Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon	Present
	Doug Deaver	Present
	Michael Taylor	Absent
	Tammy Cottrell	Present
	Laurene Lugo	Present
	Jana Cruz	Present
	Hugh Nguyen	Absent
	Student – SCC	Absent
	Valerie Martinez – SAC	Present
Also Attending:		
	Judy Iannaccone	

1. Transportation Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Chair Tammy Cottrell reported that clarification had been received relating to the definition of majority vote and non-credit student participation in the OCTA Bus Pass Program. ***Vice President Vargas volunteered to follow up with OCTA about the district's involvement in this program.*** It was suggested that in discussions with OCTA a request for direct bus routes to both colleges should be made, especially from the Santa Ana train station to SAC.

Ms. Cottrell then summarized some of the results from the survey relating to transportation. These results will be the focus of future work by the subcommittee. It was suggested that the committee look into the placement of an electric charging station at the campuses. ***Ms. McKowan-Bourguignon volunteered to do research on this and report back.***

2. Facilities Subcommittee Report

Vice President Kawa reported on recent activities on the SCC campus: new bike racks have been installed, the paper recycling program has been resumed and research is being done for consideration of a central plant on the campus. Vice Chancellor Hardash also reported that SCE is looking at the new Science Building to evaluate its efficiency.

Facilities Subcommittee Report (continued)

Susan Sherod, a member of the SAC Environmental Committee, attended the meeting and suggested that RISC review the recommendations made by the committee. ***The recommendations will be distributed to RISC members for review by each subcommittee. These reports are attached to the meeting notes.***

3. Recycling Subcommittee Report

All RISC members were reminded that if they were interested in attending the Waste Management Sustainability Forum to be held on October 30, they must RSVP. Contact Subcommittee Chair Ruth Cossio-Muniz for additional information.

4. Communication/Newsletter Subcommittee Report

The results of the survey distributed electronically to RISC members were presented by Subcommittee Chair Judy Iannaccone. 355 persons responded to the survey. It was suggested that all subcommittees analyze the feedback from the survey. ***Ms. Iannaccone agreed to summarize the survey results and distribute to RISC.*** The drawing for prizes for participation in the survey will take place on October 26.

It was suggested that information be communicated via the RISC Newsletter regarding how the waste management contractor handles the recyclable materials they pick up at the districts' facilities. ***Vice President Kennedy will research this and advise the Communication/Newsletter Subcommittee.***

Ms. Iannaccone reported that the tag line contest will be concluded soon after the subcommittee determines how the tag line will be selected.

5. President's Sustainability Roundtable

Vice Presidents Kenney and Vargas reported on the October 15 President's Sustainability Roundtable they attended.

6. Sustainability in District Mission Statement

RISC member Kimo Morris suggested that consideration be given to add sustainability references in the District Mission Statement. Vice Chancellor Hardash explained that Mission Statements have already been approved for the District and both colleges. These statements are approved each year through a campus process and the time to suggest addition of sustainability references would be during this review. The Board reviews the mission statement and goals in February and this would be the time for RISC to make suggestions relating to sustainability.

7. 2013 Spring Semester Meeting Dates

***The committee members reviewed and approved the proposed meetings dates for the 2013 spring semester.*** All meetings will be held at the District Office Executive Conference Room.