

Rancho Santiago Community College District Sustainable RSCCD Committee

Meeting Notes

March 20, 2013

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

Also Attending:

Judy Iannaccone
Susan Sherod

1. Revision of Board Policy BP 3406

Vice President Jim Kennedy chaired the meeting and led discussion of the proposed revisions to existing Board Policy 3406. After discussion the committee gave ***unanimous approval to paragraph #1/version 1 and paragraph #2/version 1 as the recommended revision to be forwarded to the Board Policy Committee. Committee members suggested “other yet to be discovered practices” be added to the second paragraph. (Copy is attached)***

2. 2013 Higher Ed Sustainability Conference

Dr. Kimo Morris spoke about the 2013 Higher Ed Sustainability Conference to be held at the University of Santa Barbara June 23-27, 2013. It was recommended that the district send representatives – from both the SRC and the Campus Facilities Committee. It was agreed this agenda item would be carried over for discussion at the May 15 meeting. ***Campus representatives were encouraged to contact their Foundations for possible funding and Dr. Morris would prepare a proposed budget for RSCCD involvement to be reviewed at the meeting.***

3. Transportation Subcommittee

The Transportation Subcommittee proposes that Friday, May 13, be designated as “Ride Your Bike to Work Day” for the district. A flyer was presented to the committee and discussion followed which included the following comments for the subcommittee:

Prizes

- Suggest contact be made with the two bookstores and the student business office to see if there are items/tickets they can donate
- Suggest a bike store be contacted to donate a gift certificate for bike accessories
- Suggest a pizza lunch be hosted at each campus for those who bike to work and that contact be made with the administrator at each campus to inquire about their willingness to host the event

Date

- What is the possibility of another date? The Friday event will limit faculty involvement, since most faculty work Monday through Thursday

Liability

- It was suggested that the event be cleared through Risk Management (Don Maus) to insure there’s no liability to the district to promote the event, especially if the district is suggesting routes. Perhaps the national organization has a waiver form those who register can sign?

Future Activity/Involvement

- City of Santa Ana Mayor Pulido was at the SAC Earth Day event and stated that one of his priorities was for bike lanes in the city and the increased support for cyclists. During his remarks he made an open appeal to contact his office to work on this. The SRC suggested that the Transportation Subcommittee take the lead in contacting the Mayor’s office. ***All SRC members will advise their constituents to contact the Transportation Subcommittee Chair if they are interested in this activity.***

4. Facilities Subcommittee

It was reported that SCC is experimenting with the use of LED lighting in the classroom. Initial responses have been positive.

5. Recycling Subcommittee

No report.

6. Newsletter & Communication Subcommittee

It was reported that the next newsletter will be out the first week of May. It was recommended that SRC members view the Earth Day Network video prepared by Dennis Hayes, Chair of the organization and coordinator of the first Earth Day event in 1973. Here is link to video: <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement>

7. Other

It was reported that the SAC “Sustain-a-Palooza” event was a success, with overflowing crowds, informational presentations, speakers and involvement by a number of the campus clubs. The SCC Hawk Earth Fest will be held on April 23.

7. Other (continued)

It was requested that feedback be presented to the SRC at its next meeting on the solar assisted natural ventilation presentation provided to the Facilities Committee the week of April 8.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 3 p.m. in the Decision Room #340 at the District Office.

Meeting Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

~~Environmentally Preferable Purchase and Practices~~ *Sustainable Practices* – BP 3406

Adopted 3/12/01

Revised 1/22/08

Revised 3/28/11

~~The district office, colleges, and educational sites of the Rancho Santiago Community College District shall continually strive to minimize the generation of waste through utilization of waste prevention techniques, reuse of materials, collection/recycling and composting. The District shall support markets for recycled materials through the procurement of recycled content products whenever possible.~~

~~In pursuit of the goal of reducing energy use and costs affiliated with energy consumption, the District shall purchase, whenever financially practical, only those appliances and products that have met Energy Star specifications for energy efficiency or an equivalent standard. The Chancellor shall establish procedures to ensure that the purchase of single and bulk equipment meet the guidelines of this policy.~~

The Rancho Santiago Community College District holds sustainability to be a foundational principle in its current and future development. As a responsible steward of natural resources and the environment, the District will endeavor to minimize its impact on the environment by implementing best practices for conserving resources, reducing waste, implementing energy reduction and alternative energy generation strategies, constructing efficient buildings, and by developing partnerships that will further these activities.

~~The Board of Trustees delegates authority to the Chancellor to establish administrative procedures~~ *regulations for sustainable practices in the following areas: environmental education and training, energy, waste management and recycling, resource conservation, facilities, grounds and landscape management, hazardous materials, transportation and air quality, and purchasing practices.* ~~that will direct the District to engage in sustainable building practices for new buildings or major renovations projects in excess of 5,000 square feet of occupied space. New buildings and renovations of this size will meet or exceed the United States Building Green Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver rating or an equivalent standard. Buildings need not be certified but shall earn all the necessary points outlined in USGBC's LEED standards for certification, or a similar set of standards.~~

~~Whenever it is deemed appropriate and economically feasible, the District shall also pursue sustainable building practices for new construction and major renovation projects between 1,000 and 5,000 square feet of occupied space.~~

Legal reference: AB 939

See AR 3406

Recommended by Sustainable RSCCD Committee – 04/17/2013