

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

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**Meeting Notes**

August 22, 2012

Members:	Raúl Rodríguez	Present
	Peter Hardash	Absent
	Steve Kawa	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Absent
	Jose Vargas	Absent
	Kimo Morris	Present
	Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon	Present
	Doug Deaver	Absent
	Michael Taylor	Absent
	Tammy Cottrell	Absent
	Laurene Lugo	Present
	Jana Cruz	Absent
	Hugh Nguyen	Absent
	Ronald Nguyen - SCC	Present
	Joe Ricker – SAC	Present

Also Attending:

Judy Iannaccone  
Elisabeth Pechs  
Ruth Cossio-Muniz  
Lee Ann Sheridan, Waste Management

1. District and College Sustainability Plan

Chancellor Rodríguez reported that he met with the consultant to discuss the development of a sustainability plan. The consultants are currently looking at the data and a day-long activity with an expanded group of participants will be planned to give the consultants direction to assist in their developing a plan.

2. Subcommittee Reports

a. Transportation – the subcommittee has been in contact with the Vice Presidents who met with OCTA about the PASS Program. This grant funded program requires a majority of the students to approve the fee which would be assessed to all students to run the program. This approval is unlikely unless the majority reflects majority of students who vote not majority of the student body. The subcommittee also forwarded questions for the RISC survey and ideas for the e-Newsletter. The subcommittee is also preparing to research programs which encourage use of alternative transportation.

2. Subcommittee Reports (continued)

- b. Facilities – while the subcommittee has not met since the last meeting, it was reported that Psomas is schedule to make a presentation to the SCC’s Facilities Committee on the installation of solar panels in the parking the week of August 27. The Facilities Committee will then make a recommendation to SCC’s College Council. It was also discussed that the decision has been made for all new buildings to be built as an LEED building. Discussion took place of solar panels and how they work.
- c. Recycling – Lee Ann Sheridan, Sr. Education Solutions Rep for Waste Management, made a presentation on how her firm can assist educational institutions in “going green” and offered tours of their facilities, advice or assistance. ***It was agreed that the current trash contracts would be examined to ascertain if the district could enter into a relationship with Waste Management. It was recommended that “green” requirements be added to the RFP for future disposal contracts.*** Ms. Sheridan will provide information about the upcoming Sustainability Conference to be held at UCI in the near future.
- d. Communication – a draft survey was distributed to the Committee for review. It was suggested that a list of carbon offset organizations be listed on the survey to inform those who may not be aware of this terminology. ***Additional feedback should be submitted to Judy Iannaccone by August 31.***

3. Logos

Four draft logos were presented to the Committee for their consideration. Logo C was selected and minor modifications were suggested. ***A revised logo will be distributed to Committee Members for final vote.***

4. Other

A YouTube video on Ohlone College was played for the group. This institution is on the leading edge of sustainability. Those who missed it can view it at:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmQjHXg9mic>

Meeting Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.