



Rancho Santiago Community College District Sustainable RSCCD Committee

Meeting Notes

October 19, 2016

Members:	Raúl Rodríguez	Absent
	Carri Matsumoto	Absent
	Michael Collins	Absent
	Arleen Satele	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Jose Vargas	Present
	Kimo Morris	Present
	Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon	Present
	Doug Deaver	Absent
	Kelsey Bains	Absent
	Student – SCC	Vacant
	Student – SAC	Vacant
Also Attending:	Judy Iannaccone	
	Angela Guevara	
	Mark Wheeler	

The meeting was convened at 3:10 p.m.

1. Discussion of 2016 Higher Ed Sustainability Conference

Dr. Morris provided background on the conference and why the district sent teams to this year's conference at CSUF.

The first report from the conference was from Dr. Morris who attended the conference with a focus on curriculum. While there were no presentations by community colleges in this area, there was information regarding a program at CSUF where students and their faculty mentors encouraged involvement in supporting sustainability projects in the community. SAC is working with CSUF under an HSI grant on this program. Dr. Morris also discussed initiatives relating to study abroad programs with an element of sustainability in the curriculum. It was suggested that SRC might consider a survey of faculty regarding sustainability in their curriculum and encouragement to the Academic Senates to promote sustainability expansion in the curriculum.

Dr. Satele reported on her team's experience at the conference with a facility focus. She stated that SCC is looking into the use of inserts put into athletic fields by which the fields are watered which make the water last. There is consideration being given to purchase these in the future with scheduled maintenance funds. She also reported that contacts were made at the conference to obtain donated shipping containers to be used to store the food collected by the students for a food bank that is hoping to open in spring 2017. She expressed appreciation to the district for sponsoring a team of staff who wouldn't otherwise have this kind of staff development opportunity.

Mr. Wheeler reported that his team's focus was on transportation. There were ideas such as zip cars and free bus passes that will be researched for possible implementation on the campus. He also reported on irrigation controllers that are to be installed at SAC going forward which will be more efficient and that the new central plant will provide more efficient usage of energy on campus.

Both Dr. Satele and Mr. Wheeler stated that presentations by Butte College on their sustainability efforts were impressive and a model for others. They also both stated that there is a work order system on each campus for facility/maintenance issues.

2. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 3 p.m. in the Decision Room #340 at the District Office.

Meeting Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.