



# Environmental Policy Committee

## Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, February 20, 2015  
**Time:** 10:30am-12:00pm, U-SU Board Room North  
**Attendees:** Environmental Policy Committee & General Public

### I. Organizational Items:

#### a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:58AM

#### b. Roll Call

Melanie Kim	<i>EPC Chair Environmental Affairs Commissioner</i>	Present
Cecilia Villarreal	<i>EPC Vice Chair Housing Commissioner</i>	Present
Hannah Jacobsen	<i>EPC member</i>	Present
Lily Tran	<i>EPC member Health and Human Services Rep. 2</i>	Absent
Kathleen Ramseyer	<i>EPC member</i>	Present
Cynthia Alvarez	<i>EPC MEMBER</i>	Absent
Melissa Flores	<i>EPC MEMBER</i>	Present
Summer Fraihat	<i>EPC Member Spirit Commissioner</i>	Absent
Alice Martinez	<i>EPC Member</i>	Present
Daniel Vallejo	<i>EPC Member</i>	Present
Guests of the Gallery		

#### c. Adoption of Agenda (action):

<b>Offered By:</b>	Daniel Vallejo	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Hannah Jacobsen					
Motion to Adopt the Agenda								
<b>All in Favor</b>	6	<b>Opposed</b>	0	<b>Abstained</b>	0	<b>Motion:</b>	passed	failed

#### d. Approval of Minutes (action): Table the minutes

<b>Offered By:</b>	Hannah Jacobsen	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Cynthia Alvarez					
Motion to Adopt the Agenda tabled								
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## II. Public Forum/Announcement:

This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the Personnel committee members.

## III. Repots

- a. Hannah-No More Starving Students is going under a name change because of inconsistencies with the Non-profit. So they're moving to be independent. She has been working with Daniel Keen the Exec chef in UAS. There is a empty place by the bookstore where the old meal plan was distributed and she's talking to Daniel about letting EPC use the window for two days out of the week. He's supportive we just need approval from Barnes and Noble. The other option for the food pantry is the Student Union.

## III. Discussion

- I. "Items to be discussed".
- II. Food Pantry—Hannah gave her report on progress of the Food Pantry. Hannah explains how we will partner with the Nutrition department to ensure there is the 20% real food. Hannah explains how we need to make the Food Pantry with the language of an educational aspect. Hannah was talking with the Space Allocation Committee and whether the internship with students would count as educational, and he said it was a possibility. Hannah explains how the Dean of Public Health said he would be willing to support the internship for the food pantry. Melanie suggests going to SHAC to work with the internships.
- IV. Hydroponic Garden—Melanie explains how she began to test and trial how to make the tower gardens. She has been doing this as a side project. She explains how EPC will need a lot of help because it will be handmade and we will create as we go. She has been trying to get together a taskforce for the Tower gardens. Trinidad asks how many plants will result in each tower. Melanie explains how each will be 5 ft and each can hold 22 plants and we plan on having a 4x4 system to start off with. Trinidad has been trying to get in contact with people in the community that will support the project. He goes on to tell the committee about other Tower Gardens that we can maybe model off of in Pasadena and Anaheim which is a renewable farm.

- V. Earth Day—Melanie asks committee for suggestions for tables. Cecilia says we should have a “How to be vegan with \$2 a day” so students are given the resources and being educated to make a lifestyle change. Melanie suggests we also have a “GMO” table explaining the harm on the environment and others health. Cecilia also suggests that we have a poster board explaining where our food comes from—inferring about the US’s supply of corn, meat, ext. Melanie says we will have a table explaining how students can move to sustainable affordable practices. Cecilia says that the club present should present their sustainable projects. Mel says the event will be April 22, from 10am-3:15 and right after ASI’s HHS representative debates will be right after and both events will be back to back. Hannah brings up the concern about projects not being maintained to future Environmental Commissioners. Melanie says that’s a problem ASI always has, but we can put together a folder with as much information as possible for future commissioners to continue projects.

## VI. Adjournment

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Hannah Jacobsen</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Cynthia Alvarez</b>					
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 pm								
<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Abstained</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Motion:</b>	<b>passed</b>	or failed

Associated Students, Inc.  
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**Summary of Actions Taken**  
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### III. CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Associated Students, Inc., CSULA held on **Friday, February 20, 2015** in the USU Board Room, Approved by the A.S.I. Environmental Policy Committee on: **Friday, March 15, 2015**

Prepared by:

**Melanie Kim, EPC Chair  
Recording Secretary**

Confirmed by:

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**Ruth Ramos**  
Secretary/Treasurer