



Environmental Policy Committee Minutes

Friday, February 1, 2019

10:00am – 12:00pm U-SU Board Room 303AB

Attendees: Environmental policy Committee & General Public

I. Organizational Items:

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM

b. Roll Call

Javier Moro	<i>Environmental Affairs Commissioner</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Edgar Chavez	<i>Member</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Smitkumar Patel	<i>Member</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
David Garcia	<i>VP Member</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Marlen Millan	<i>Member</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late <u>10:57am</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Steven Rodriquez	<i>Guest</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Late <u>10:13am</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Aurora S.	<i>Member</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Late <u>10:57 am</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Leave
Amber Jolly	Member Leave	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Late <u>10:50am</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early

c. Approval of Agenda (action):

Offered By:	David Garcia	Seconded by:	Marlen
Motion to approve the adoption of Agenda for <u>Friday, February 1st, 2018.</u> Discussion:			
Vote Tally:	2		
All in Favor	2	Opposed	0
		Abstained	0
Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed <input type="checkbox"/> failed			

d. Approval of Minutes (action):

Offered By: David Garcia	Seconded by: Edgar Chavez		
Motion to approve the minutes for <u>Thursday, November 29th, 2018.</u>			
Vote Tally: 2			
All in Favor: 2	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 0	Motion: ✓ passed

II. Public Forum/Announcement:

This time is allotted for members of the public or representatives to make announcements to the Executive Committee members.

✚ None

III. New Business: Beach Clean-up: Committee members will be assigned a role for the event.

Discussion: Beach clean up is scheduled for March 1st. Things to be considered are materials, transportation, activities and potential rewards. Agreed on ordering a bus that is within our budget and while on the bus it will create a healthier personal environment as well as reduce carbon emissions from multiple carpooling. As for marketing strategies we will finally be able to communicate on Facebook, Instagram and while tabling about our event. Sign ups will be through google forums or a means that is convenient for people to use. Marlen offered to email department chairs depending on who is more likely to participate in the event. Engagement of students by giving them questioners and asking what is important to them. As of right now Javy and David are for sure able to assist and lead the beach cleanup.

Earth Day Celebration: Committee members will be assigned a role for the event.

Important deadlines: A list of potential food trucks due by February 6th, 2019
Rsvp's on who can attend and contribute to Earth day by March 1st, 19
NGO's contact and who can attend/present by March 15th, 19

Discussion: Important things to keep in mind for successful event, having booths ready and available for all who are accounted to attend, food truck submissions, canopy's, organizations list and therapy animals. Some other ideas are golden eagle radio, Marlen suggestion of having people get stamps from booths and getting a discount when buying from every table. Amber, Javy, and Marlen contacting clubs around school and orgs that may be able to come. Earth day will be discussed more in depth in next scheduled meeting.

Uniform Ideas: Committee will discuss purchasing attire for increased awareness.

Discussion: If we have uniforms, they must be environmentally conscious as stated by Aurora. David did not mind having either a t-shirt or a polo shirt. Talks about uniform generally accepted by all and will be addressed in next meeting due to time and members.

IV. Special Presentations

1. Save the seed: Students led by Steven Rodriguez will present their project and receive feedback from the committee
 - Steven suggested that our buildings here at University are very rich in vertical space. This space may be useful for vertical gardens and enhance school beautification as well as providing a way to have students engaged/active towards an environmental conscious look.
 - Members of the committee agreed and loved Stevens idea by giving him suggestions on how he can look at precedents at other successful schools such as Cal poly Pomona and present hat to the board.
 - Other resources where offered and potential collaboration with Steven and his group for future events.

Follow up: Steven has been working diligently to make this proposal come into fruition and is asking for help to make this garden a thing to come into reality within a year. He plans to have prototypes of garden designs and need to work with local student engineers that have already asked if they can volunteer in doing some for the garden.

- Steven Suggested for maintenance and upkeep there can be a fraternity/sorority that can do that as community service.
- Aurora advised to ask professors who are well known in the gardening field to help teach students how to keep it from just decaying, plant properly, and maintain. Old growth suggestion/planters? California natives and introducing plants that help the ecosystem ex: monarchs and ladybugs.
- Workshops can be held to inform people of how they can start their own gardens/organize community gardens.

Steps needed

1. Determine exact Location
2. Assemble a paper stating the purpose of this project/why important.
3. Assemble needed team for project and list who will do what.
4. Present paper to higher up's
5. Await review and reevaluate if necessary.

All of this will be reported on regular basis through emails through appropriate personal.

V. Old Business

EPC Outreach and Recruitment: The committee will discuss tabling and outreach efforts

- Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 12pm, on the main campus walkway, adjacent to the biological building
- Review the script for EPC tabling

Everyone agreed that there needs to be more representation within the committee and its in the best interest of policy making that we have more than a couple of ideas. A successful committee should have members who are available to accomplish the tasks at hand and not have two people handling one big project.

VI. Discussion Items

- Javy suggested that we take part in marching for a cause, L.A eagle rock public library promoting single care healthcare system national nurses united.

VII. Reports

Environmental Affairs Commissar Javy wanted to report lobbying efforts with Marcus, Alexandria Cortez green new deal progressive idea that will promote all energy systems, called the energy innovation and carbon dividend act of 2018. Tells us we have a lot of work to do and believes in us to succeed. We will have a great semester!

Environmental Vice president chair David addressed the issue on having low growth on media pages due to partly his fault and lack of content posted. Has a hopeful outlook on this semester due to having a full school worth of worthy events and outreach opportunities?

Adjournment

Offered By:	David	Seconded by:	Aurora			
Motion to adjourn the meeting at <u>11:47</u> am.						
Vote Tally:	2					
All in Favor	2	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Motion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed <input type="checkbox"/> failed

VII. CERTIFICATION

Official Minutes taken for the **Environmental Policy Committee** of the Associated Students, Inc., Cal State L.A. held on Friday, February, 2019 in the U-SU 303AB. Approved by the A.S.I. Executive Committee on: _____.

Prepared by:

Recording Secretary

Confirmed by:

Secretary/Treasurer