



Environmental Policy Committee MINUTES

Meeting called by: ASI Environmental Affairs Commissioner
 Date: Friday, August 30, 2019
 Location: ASI Conference Room

Type of Meeting: General
 Time: 8 am to 10 am
 Attendees: Committee Members

- I. Organizational Items
 - a. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 8:06am
 - b. Roll Call

Ugbad Farah	Environmental Affairs Commissioner	Present
Amy Vasquez	ASI Environmental Policy Committee	Present
Simone Benjamin	ASI Environmental Policy Committee	Present
Javier Moro	ASI Environmental Policy Committee	Present
Hannah Valliere	ASI Environmental Policy Committee	Excused tardy: 8:28am
Damarea Parker	Senior Program Coordinator	Present

- c. Approval of agenda

Offered by:	Javier Moro	Seconded by:	Amy Vasquez
Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda for Friday, August 30 th , 2019.			
Discussion:			
Vote Tally	4		
All in Favor	4	Opposed	0
		Abstained	0
Motion: passed			

- II. Public Comment: This time is allotted for the public to address the committee regarding items not included on the meeting agenda. Speaker cards are available for those wanting to speak on agenda items as listed below. Those comments will be heard as the item is introduced.

Discussion: Three members of the public expressed interest in the EPC, building a garden on campus, and issues such as food insecurity.

- III. Special Presentation: Food & Water Watch – Nicole Levin from the FWW organization will address the committee.

Nicole explained the current situation regarding the Clean Energy by 2030 proposal, DWP (Department of Water and Power) meetings, the Youth Climate Strike (9/20/19). She also brought up



different ways to help students on campus, for example: a green jobs career fair and community roundtables. Can contact the following folks at FWW: Jasmine Vargas: jvargas@fwwatch.org | 323-843-8450 and Nicole Levin: nlevin@fwwlocal.org | 707-688-9275

- IV. Discussion items:
- a. Team expectations/ground rules

Ugbad: I will be delegating responsibilities. If at any moment during the semester you feel overwhelmed or are confused/lost, please feel free to reach out to me or Damarea. I will also elect a vice-chair at our next meeting and be sure to have it under our action items. Simone, please set up Microsoft Teams. Hannah, please take lead on social media.

Simone: [Ugbad] should set rules for methods of communication – GroupMe, Microsoft Teams, email correspondence

Ugbad: I do not intend on canceling any meetings. Last semester we had the issue of canceling quite a few meetings. This should not happen again. If you need to be excused, please let me know 24 hours in advance otherwise it will be an unexcused absence/tardy. Would anyone else like to put forth some ground rules/expectations?

Amy:

- b. Code of Procedures

The code of procedures was reviewed. No questions were asked.

- c. Beach Clean-up: The committee will discuss program proposal and discuss upcoming event.

Program Proposal sent to the team via email for date Saturday September 21st. This event is open to the Cal State Community, Family and Friends through Heal the Bay providing all equipment for the cleanup. Ugbad discussed the benefits of hosting this event: volunteer opportunities for interested participants. Advertising is to begin next week.

Questionnaire and feedback form with committee feedback form. September 10th to submit questions for the feedback form for all participants. Post evaluation will be on September 27th from 10:00 -12:00 P.M. This date may change.

The committee need to create a sign-up form to include transportation options of they want to van pool and how many people via Google Docs due by September 6th – assigned to Amy. There will be an opportunity drawing for an Amazon Echo and they will up the prize at the ASI office within 7 business days.

Transportation: Will provide parking permits if necessary. Several options were discussed: carpool, van rental.

Hannah will work with advertising and reach out via social media with other clubs and the Instagram page. Ugbad will get ASI involvement. CSI is delegated to Amy, Center for Engagement, Service, and the Public Good is delegated to Simone and all members are expected to be involved in classroom presentations. Javier offered to work on tabling for students out on the main walkway to boost participants.

- d. Habitat-Restoration at Debs Park: The committee will discuss volunteer work with LA Works and the Audubon Society at Debs Park



Volunteers to come and volunteer for pulling weeds and other gardening work. Date was set to Friday, November 1st, 2019. Time: 8:00 – 11:00 A.M. Subject to change.

- e. Spirit Week: The committee will discuss the EPC's contribution to Spirit Week.

To ensure an environmentally friendly event, we should only have vendors that can comply with restriction and guidelines on campus. Spirit week is set to start in the 2nd week of February.

- f. Policies: The committee will discuss policies that will be amended and introduced for the Fall 2019 Semester.

Policy ideas were discussed. Committee will look into how clubs adhere to policy for selling food and use of plastic items. Committee members suggested we seek out alternatives and provide alternatives before taking away single-use plastic items. Start with ASI and the sustainability guidelines (policy 019) by working with Brad Haydel (Energy & Sustainability Manager at CSULA) to revise during the semester and to look at specifics in the policy as it pertains to carbon credits, energy star etc. Examine sustainability reports and have 2 committee members join CSC (Campus Sustainability Committee).

- g. Goals for the Fall Semester: The committee will outline goals set out for the Fall 2019 semester.

The committee have decided to host two events per semester that are led by the committee that run as smoothly as possible. Pass 2-3 policies that will have a lasting effect at Cal State LA. Event ideas include: (1) recycle school notes - at the end of final exam week, provide a space for students to throw their notes out rather than having them toss it in the garbage (will be recycled); (2) Farmers Market: create one similar to the Food Pantry but with fresh food. Potential collaborators include student health center, basic needs center, CSI, food forward. Work with local farmers and food banks.

V. Reports

ASI Environmental Affairs Commissioner - Ugbad confirmed that committee members from last year have received sweater/cardigans from last semester. There are four open positions with two applications being processed. ASI Student Representative – Javier Moro: reported to edit Policy 012. The dots on ASI are not needed. Edit the following: Article 2 section 5 : early departures switch from quarter to semester & Article 3 section one: 4 times a quarter to 6 times a semester. No other reports.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:36am.