



# Environmental Policy Committee

Day/Date: 8 / 27 / 2021

Time: 12 PM – 2 PM

Location: Zoom Call Conference ID: <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/89590755241>

Attendees: Environmental Policy Committee Members & General Public

## I. Organizational Items:

a. **Call to order by: Environmental Affairs Commissioner, @ 12:03PM**

b. **Roll Call**

Ryan Lamkin	Environmental Affairs Commissioner	✓ Present ✗ Absent ✗ Late ✗ Early Leave
Sidney Lim	Environmental Policy Committee Member	✓ Present ✗ Absent ✗ Late ✗ Early Leave
Phoebe Wong	Environmental Policy Committee Member	✓ Present ✗ Absent ✗ Late ✗ Early Leave
Jacob Ramirez	Environmental Policy Committee Member	✓ Present ✗ Absent ✗ Late ✗ Early Leave
Meagan Domingo	Environmental Policy Committee Member	✓ Present ✗ Absent ✗ Late ✗ Early Leave

## c. Approval of Agenda:

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Sidney</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Meagan</b>
<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstained</b>	
		<b>Motion:</b>	<b>✓ passed</b>

## II. Public Comment

Public Comment: This time is allotted for the public to address the committee regarding items not included on the meeting agenda. Those comments will be heard as the item is introduced.

-No public comment.

## III. Discussion Items

a. Introductions

- Each member of the Environmental Policy Committee introduced basic information about themselves in order to know one another better.

b. Committee Assignments

- Ryan has shared a breakdown of formal committee positions for each member to potentially hold in order to divide responsibilities. Aside from the Commissioner and Vice Chair positions, the new committee structure would also include a Secretary/Treasurer, Environmental Communications Director, Campus Connected Member, and Community Connected Member.

- It was discussed to potentially have a position to work with the Campus Food Recovery Manager.
- The committee has decided to hold off on formally assigning positions and put it to the next committee meeting once the pending member is approved to join the committee.

c. Vice Chair Appointment

- Sidney offered a self-nomination for the Vice Chair position, which was approved and passed by the committee.

d. Policies

- The committee discussed a priorly-mentioned gift giving policy that would have all gift cards distributed by ASI be from sustainable/local organizations and businesses. The committee discussed how to ensure that the selected businesses/organizations are accessible to all Cal State LA students.
- Ryan shared a new policy idea about having vegetarian options being standard for ASI events due to its lower carbon footprint on the environment.
- Sidney shared a policy idea about having an incentive program for students who bring their own containers/utensils to receive food from restaurants on campus.
- Meagan suggested having a map that identifies sustainable resources on campus such as water bottle refill machines, recycling bins, and so forth.
- Barnaby suggested documenting the sustainable actions that ASI carries out.
- Sidney suggested potentially examining the reduction of using and offering blue books due to the successful transition from paper to digital exams.

e. Programming

- Meagan suggested to work with the children's center on campus by providing environmentally-friendly activities. Sidney then suggested for the committee to develop a sustainable-themed curriculum due to social distancing, then offer it to the teachers at the Anna Bing Arnold center for them to use with the students.
- Meagan suggested to have an event educating students about environmentally-friendly practices that can be done every day. Sidney built off this by suggesting a town hall where students share ideas as well as a social media challenge.
- Meagan also suggested a swap event where students bring items to campus to promote reusing. For this event, she proposed for students to swap items instead of money. Barnaby proposed for it to be a potential spring event due to current restrictions as well as planning for a trading/no-currency system. It was discussed for leftover items to be donated to organizations registered with EPIC on behalf on ASI.
- Ryan has discussed the possibility of having a speaker talk about the dangers that oil wells pose to the environment and human health. The conversation moved to discuss other speakers that we could potentially reach, such as those on Tik Tok. Meagan will reach out to certain Tik Tok speakers to see if they are interested in speaking at an event.
- Sidney suggested an educational event teaching teacher candidates on campus how to implement sustainability and environmentalism into their curriculum and lesson plans. Meagan built off this by also using this event for parents on campus to use with their children.

f. Club, Organization, and Student Support

- Phoebe suggested class presentations to promote the committee and do outreach.
- Ryan mentioned supporting the Edible Garden Club through club funding.
- Sidney suggested hosting a Meet and Greet with sustainable/environmentally-focused clubs as

well as organizations approved by EPIC.

- Ryan suggested a writing contest in which the rewards are three U-passes. In the essay, students would need to explain why they would need the U-pass. Sidney suggested finishing the contest with a culminating event that shares the public transportation methods students can use to get to campus. Meagan suggested making the writing contest a creative one. Ideas will be discussed on the committee GroupMe.

2. Action Items

- Vice Chair Appointment

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Phoebe</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Megan</b>			
Motion to appoint Sidney Lim to the position of Vice Chair.						
<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Abstained</b>		<b>Motion: ✓ passed</b>

**IV. Reports**

- a. ASI Environmental Affairs Commissioner – Ryan Lamkin
- b. ASI Student Representative – Sidney Lim
- c. ASI Student Representative – Phoebe Wong (left early)
- d. ASI Student Representative – Jacob Ramirez
- e. ASI Student Representative – Meagan Domingo

**V. Adjournment**

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Meagan Domingo</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Sidney Lim</b>			
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:53 p.m. Meeting is adjourned at 1:53 p.m.						
<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Abstained</b>		<b>Motion: ✓ passed</b>