



# Environmental Policy Committee

Day/Date: 9 / 24 / 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, @ 12:03 PM**

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>Phoebe</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Sidney</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. Presentation by Brad Haydel (Campus Sustainability Manager)

- Brad shared some of the opportunities for sustainability on campus such as the Campus Sustainability Committee, which works to establish best practices for sustainability on campus. They oversee the Green Revolving Fund, which can be used to support improvements on campus. He also shared the Second Nature's Climate Commitment, which states that the campus will be carbon-neutral by 2045. He also shared some data he collected from survey regarding emission and reaching the carbon-neutrality target. He then spoke about the interior zero waste program that involve the zero waste bin stations. It is required by the state to have a food recovery network, so he is hoping to start this chapter on campus soon. In terms of sharing,

the last opportunity he shared was epic-n, which involves partnering with communities and working to address and support their identified issues. There will be small trees planted on campus for the carbon sequestering program. For the food recovery, it is recommended to begin having third-party organizations receive the free food. Ryan will follow up with Brad regarding becoming a tree campus as well as other projects.

b. Meeting with Nalleli Cobo

- The committee is interested in having Nalleli, an environmental activist focusing on urban oil drilling, to speak sometime in November. Ryan has offered the potential of paying Nalleli approximately \$150 for speaking. The current potential date for Nalleli to speak on is Friday, October 29, at 12 PM, with Friday, November 12, at 12 PM as a back-up date. Nalleli will draft an outline of speaking points to monitor discussion, and Ryan will submit the program proposal. Ryan explained the payment process, and Nalleli will need to fill out a W-2 form to receive her payment. The committee has discussed the potential of hosting a giveaway for Nalleli's event, and Meghan suggested air purifying plants. Sidney will check with Dena to check feasibility.

c. Garden Manager Meghan Garvey

- Gardening Manager Meghan Garvey came to speak the committee regarding the campus garden. The compost system that the garden received prior ASI funding for is now up and running. She has shared a potential project regarding an open space in which they develop a foraging garden. Ryan has suggested that he will reach out to housing to see if they can provide support. Meghan has suggested adding benches so that students can sit in the shade. Meagan has suggested considering second-hand as opposed to requesting everything from funding, and potentially using second-hand to sustain while waiting for funding. The committee may potentially work with the Edible Garden Club to co-host an event or support them in the future.

d. Committee Assignments

- Ryan reviewed the committee roles, which include the Secretary/Treasurer, Environmental Communications Director, a Campus Connected Member, and a Community Connected Member. Phoebe will be the Environmental Communications Director, Meagan will be the Community Connected Member, and Jacob will be the Campus Connected Member.

e. Creative Commute & Alternative Commute

- Angelina and Barnaby suggested having students write a creative piece, then writing another section about their need. Meagan shared that having the section about sharing student need may be an exploitation of students' backstories/traumas, and Jacob agreed. Sidney suggested clarifying what the purpose of the contest is and determining if it is needs-based or creative-based. Ryan suggested rewording the section to ask students why they applied as opposed to asking why students need the U-Pass, and students can write a short passage to answer this prompt. The U-Passes will be valid for one academic year. Ryan also shared an idea about reading the winners' stories to children at the Anna Bing Arnold Center. The prompt will be a creative prompt about how students transport to school.

f. Programs

- The first program will be Nalleli speaking. Meagan shared about a clothing drive that she will be personally doing and asked if the committee would be interested in participating. Meagan anticipates calling shelters asking who would like to pair with us and what they need, then providing them with the items from the drive. The committee is considering a non-perishable

food drive as opposed to a food drive, as the food would be easier and safer to keep. Sidney suggested saving the event for spring due to the fact that many students are not on campus, which could potentially lead to lower participation.

g. Tabling

- Ryan would like for the EPC to participate in tabling on campus to showcase what the committee is about. He also shared potentially giving away items such as plants for students who follow us on social media.

2. Action Items

- Due to the fact that the 8/27 meeting minutes were not posted, Sidney offered an amendment to the agenda to table the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Sidney</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Phoebe</b>
Approval of the 8/27 meeting minutes has been tabled to the next committee meeting.			
<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
- d. ASI Student Representative – Jacob Ramirez
- e. ASI Student Representative – Meagan Domingo

**V. Adjournment**

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Phoebe Wong</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Sidney Lim</b>
Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:59 p.m. Meeting is adjourned at 1:59 p.m.			
<b>All in Favor</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstained</b>	
<b>Motion: ✓ passed</b>			