



# Environmental Policy Committee

## Minutes

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**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2015  
**Time:** 10:15am-12:00pm, U-SU Board Room  
**Attendees:** Environmental Policy Committee & General Public

### I. Organizational Items:

#### a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 AM

#### b. Roll Call

(Highlight)

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

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

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Cecilia Villarreal</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Cynthia Alvarez</b>
Motion to Adopt the Agenda			
<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> failed

#### d. Approval of Minutes (action):

<b>Offered By:</b>	<b>Hannah Jacobsen</b>	<b>Seconded by:</b>	<b>Cynthia Alvarez</b>
Motion to Adopt the Agenda tabled			
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### Notes:

## II. Public Forum/Announcement:

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

## III. Report - Environmental Policy Commissioner – Melanie Kim

- I. "Items to be discussed".
- II. Earth Day Event: Mel explains program; In the Spring EPC will have a large event to Celebrate Earth Day. She wants there to be large companies who are eco-friendly to be present and advertise what they are doing.
- III. Weekly Tabling—EPC aspires to table weekly to inform students about what is going on with the Food Pantry.
- IV. Healthy Food options—EPC will promote the "Real Food Calculator" which enforces CSULA must support the 20% real food challenge by 2020. Cal State LA is bound by law so we want to ensure with UAS to make sure something is done to get real and healthy food options on campus.

## IV. Discussion

- a. UAS Food options feedback—**Hannah** suggests we work with the main Chef to get healthier food options. **Marcus** brings up that the feedback UAS got from housing dining says that students want unhealthy food. **Kat** brings up that the UAS food survey was hard to choose from b/c the options were left with price or quality. **Cecilia** brings up how the survey was going to be given during Winter finals, but student representatives pushed for the survey to be put out early in the winter quarter for better results.
- b. Greenovation Fund approval—EPC was granted the \$2000 from the CSSA Greenovation Fund for the Food Pantry and Hydroponic Garden. **Mel** brings up how southern CA CSU's are pushed to be more sustainable. **Ceci** brings up how we need to promote the project more and present to classes. **Cynthia** brings up different clubs on campus that are working towards sustainability and potential collaborators.
- c. Draft of Resolution for Food Pantry —**Hannah** goes through her resolution that will be proposed to Shared Governance. The resolution will be a sign of official support from ASI for the food pantry. The committee reviews the resolution and room for improvement. Hannah explains how she is working on getting support from administration and she had a meeting with the Use of Facilities Meeting last week. She has been trying to work with the Susie Suchi for support and they have been very supportive. **Hannah** explains that risk management proposes their support as long as the food pantry has a room that is consistently room temperature, checking of the cans everyday, system of security with volunteers and interns. **Cecilia** insists that Cynthia is the chair of SABU for the USU and **Cynthia** says she will call a meeting to see possible locations for the food pantry in the Union.
- d. Earth Day—April 22, Wednesday—Committee discusses possibilities for the program. **Cynthia** says we should have promotional stuff for EPC. **Cecilia** says we should ask the sustainable clubs on campus to be tabling at the event. **Melanie** says we need to start talking to clubs right now. **Melanie** says Shane is talking to Susan, to get drought resistant trees on campus to give more options for healthy food on campus. **Mel** hopes to have the tree to be promoted at Earth Day. **Melanie** wants to have another gardening event to how to teach students how to live sustainable. Mel says that the receipts for students at her winter gardening event was a success and we should

have print outs for students. **Kat** says on our Facebook we could have a section or entry for healthy recipes.

- e. Homecoming week—**Mel** says during the bowl out we can promote what EPC is doing. Homecoming float parade can be an option if EPC wants to do a float to bring attention to EPC.
- f. EPC tabling—**Mel** insists that members should be tabling if they are free to bring more awareness and support for the EPC projects.

**V. New Business:**

None

**VI. Discussion**

None

**VII. 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							
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**II. CERTIFICATION**

Official Minutes taken for the **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING** of the Associated Students, Inc., CSULA held on **Friday, January 23, 2015** in the USU Board Room, Approved by the A.S.I. Environmental Policy Committee on: **Friday, February 20, 2015**

Prepared by:

**Melanie Kim, EPC Chair**  
**Recording Secretary**

Confirmed by:

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**Ruth Ramos**  
 Secretary/Treasurer