

Minutes: Environmental Policy Committee

11/08/18

6:32pm

Attendance: Javier Moro, David Garcia, Edgar Chavez, Smit Patel (4)

Guest Speaker: Kaitlyn Trent (Greenpeace)

Action Items:

1. Appointment for vice chair was brought to the table. David asked Edgar to take the position on basis of experience. Edgar declined. Majority vote on appointing vice chair for next meeting due to the absence of members.
2. Kaitlyn presented topics of no more single use plastics, informed us of her experience of being a part of Greenpeace, and gave us many ideas on how to promote sustainability on campus.
 - Write policy to eliminate plastic straws from our food courts and instead use recycled straw based materials or hand out reusable ones.
 - Collaborate with members of Greenpeace to run educational meetings on how you can be sustainable at home and at school.
 - Eliminating plastic bags from our food courts.

Discussion Items:

1. Tabling events are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays however, many of us cannot table on those days. One person may want to hand out flyers whenever they have time. Fall semester is almost over refocus our efforts towards creating policy.
2. Earth day should be changed to Earth week and have multiple days with different subjects. This will allow for greater awareness and outreach to community around us.
3. Beach clean up was talked about but, no real agreement on when it will take place and how much will our expenses come out to be. Talk about getting a bus and open to everyone on campus.

Reports:

1. David opened the discussion for what should be posted on our social media. How many times should he post on our medians and run by one person or two. Committee agreed on no more than two people running websites.
 - Outreach to our students on campus
 - Promote future events
 - Encourage students to speak up on concerns and questions

Meeting came to adjournment at 7:44 pm