



## ASI Sustainability Board Minutes

2013-2014: Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 3:00-5:00 PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers Conference Room

### I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to Order: 3:00 PM
- b. Quorum Check:
  1. Voting Members:
    - Michael Adams - Present
    - Christine Hall (JohnDaniel Morales designated) – Present
    - Obi Okafor – Present
    - Martin Mares – Present
    - Marisol Aguayo – Present
    - Jasmin Byrd – Present
    - Brandon Sauer - Excused Absence
  2. Advisors:
    - Powell Velasco
- c. Agenda Changes:
  1. No Agenda Changes
- d. Approval of Minutes:
  1. Last year's minutes are under review.
- e. Introduction of Guests:
  1. Tony - President of Los Robles Horticulture Club, College of Agriculture
  2. Dan Yuhasz - RS professor
  3. Tiffany Truong – USGBC
  4. Megan Turner – USGBC
  5. Olga Epelman - MS Regen. Studies
- f. Open Forum
  1. JD would like to say Happy First Meeting

### II. Action Items

- a. None

### III. Discussion Items

- a. Introduction:
  - i. Members:
    1. Jasmin Byrd: Environmental Biology Student, Publicist Chair of Green Team
    2. Martin Mares: Urban and Regional Planner, ENV Senator
    3. Powell Velasco: ASI Associate Executive Director, Advisor of Board
    4. Marisol Aguayo: BEAT Chair, Political Science Department
    5. JD: ASI Attorney General
    6. Obi Okafor: ASI Science Senator
    7. Michael Adams: Chair
  - ii. Board definition and duties
  - iii. Norms and Expectations
    1. Be present during meetings.
    2. Ample research in additional materials and tasks.

3. Read Agendas before meetings.

**b. Potential Project Ideas**

i. Short lists from members:

1. Obi Okafor: Bike racks on campus. Bike rack safety and theft.
2. Jasmin asks about bicycling on campus and if there are any changes to the current implementations. Michael answers he is meeting with Walter Marquez of Facilities with student Olivia Offutt and Eve Sanford of LADOT on the 22nd of November discussing master plan changes due to it being halted. See what changes are currently being implemented, prospective plans. Also funding and grant options.
3. JD: Increase shuttle service throughout campus and surrounding city, it would encourage people to not drive a lot. Especially services to the Valley and Grand intersection for students to shop and eat of campus. It would help the college life on campus.
4. Marisol: E-waste recycling on campus.
5. Martin: Expand electric car stations to make more available for students. Improve rideshare so students coming from different regions can carpool instead of commute alone.
6. Jasmin: Dishware program (UCSD) to be able to be rented by clubs and organizations for events on campus. OSL can be holder and distributors.

ii. Guests:

1. Dan: Local Food Fair this year and needs collaboration. Student education on food systems and sustainable foods. Need funding as well, about \$2000. Try to have it quarterly. Primary focus is local farmers. Free Market: Green team led usually. 6 times before. Sustainable economics. Expand and make it a free market place, maybe bike clubs can give away free repairs and materials. Fashion Design can make clothes. Services provided. November 14 for Annie Leonard arrival. During U hour. About 6 tables needed. No current marketing in place. Student Run Cafe: Extremely popular among colleges in the U.S. Space is provided through the Lyle Center. Ideal is to use fresh produce and make your own lunch. A permanent location. Possibly the location of the old Vista Cafe. Cofed conference. We should have a student run cafe because we have Collins College and also an abundant supply of fresh produce. Student Gardens: Need official club sponsorships of gardens and constant maintenance. Increase bicycle consciousness. The master plan has failed. Have lots of bike friendly events on campus. Need for meeting spaces on campus: strategy rooms that aren't dedicated full time to any specific effort.
2. Tony: Compost piles. Figure out numbers on how much ASI, Foundation, and the University would be willing to invest in a composting project. Not just food and paper product, but all the manure from the sheep and swine units, horse stables. Building up awareness of edible things on campus. Encouraging the use of more edible plants on campus. Wants to push all vendors on campus to have at least 2 or more vegetarian and vegan dishes available. A majority of agricultural pollution comes from animal by-products. Michael discusses how we would have to go to

Foundation to talk about this possibility and also about The Real Food Challenge being pushed through by himself and Jessica Gonzalez.

3. Tiffany Truong: Idea on bike racks on campus with the architecture department (Project ReCYCLE) with a \$100 bike rack project. Want to implement on campus. Powell discussed his talks with facilities about the safety in engineering and materials of the bike racks. Early on we can meet with facilities and change the class curriculum to include safety measures. It's during the Spring Quarter ARC103. Contact with Pomona College.
4. Olga: Bicycle Cooperative UniCYCLE ran by Olivia Offutt trying to increase bicycle safety and use on campus. Discussed the Food Justice Club gleaning on campus and make it a jam session with music and community involvement.

**c. Greenovation Grants**

**i. Introduction of Greenovation funding:**

1. Grant provided by CSSA for students in the CSU system working on sustainability related projects that would otherwise not be funded by the state or university. Funding these projects needs to be finished within the same year. Nika Hemati is the sustainability intern at CSSA and wants to see a big push by Cal Poly Pomona. Ideas and proposals are welcome and pursuing the grant is highly encouraged. Applications are due by November 29.

**ii. Current Ideas:**

1. Tony: Working at the Collins Culinary Garden which is 1 acre that supplies the restaurant with as much fresh produce as possible, also the culinary labs. Wants a grant to build up some raised beds, better infrastructure, automated valves and controllers, installation of new trees. Lots of improvements can happen and it is a vision of sustainability since 5 or 6 years ago.
2. Jasmin: We just need to get the word out to all of the students.
3. Dan: The Student Run Cafe is most prepared to go. Great support from Lyle Center. The only thing left is to put together the pieces and have student involvement.

**d. TGIF- The Green Initiative Fund**

- i. A campus specific grant funding for green projects. This would be a \$2.50 fee increase added to the existing ASI Student fee budgeted for students wanting to do "green" related projects on campus. Needs to be voted on by the students in May. It was pushed through in 2010 and died because of time issues. Brandon Sauer and I are shuffling through the paperwork and audio files to try and get this started again. This funding can be implemented towards multi-year projects.

**IV. Information Items**

- a. None

**V. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

- b. Next Meeting:

*Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, BSC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Senate Chambers Conference Room*

