



Desert Community College District

Sustainability Council

Minutes for Tuesday, February 11, 2020

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Classroom AS 103, Applied Sciences Building

Attendees:

Students: Alicia Avila, Angel Chavez, Anika Acosta, Christopher Faliva, Eugene Calderon, Hannah Keil, Isabella Revel, Jacob Finley, Jack Busch, Jathon Arvin, Julian Mata, Kai Zelezrik, Leslie Chavez, Lissanna Castro, Mariana Villarrael, Marco Serrano, Michael Lara, Nick Enciso, Steven Calderon, Victor Valdez,

Faculty/Staff: Kurt Leuschner (Faculty, Co-Chair), Candice Weber (Adjunct), Linda Costagliola (Staff), Mike Gladych (Adjunct Faculty)

Kurt Leuschner welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. The future meeting dates was announced: March 10th, April 14th and May 12th from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Classroom AS 103 of the Applied Sciences Building except for April's meeting will be in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Cravens Student Services Center. Everyone was encouraged to attend the meetings and to bring someone.

1. Student Report

1.1 Student Co-Chair: Christina Schneider

- Unfortunately, Christina has a class during this time and will not be able to continue as the student co-chair.
- The student co-chair position is open for any student interested in co-chairing the Sustainability Council meetings with Kurt Leuschner. Any interested students are to apply at the Student Life office, Palm Desert campus.
- Christina did provide a report on the Eco-Logic Club:

- Next Eco-Logic Club meeting is on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. outside area of the Applied Sciences Building to discuss the following items:
 - o Upcoming hikes with Friends of the Desert Mountain and the Geology Club;
 - o Future guest speakers who will discuss the Environmental Pollutants and humans' impact on atmospheric conditions;
 - o Earth Day events on the 22nd of April;
 - o White Water camping trip; and
 - o Other events and plans that will get the club more involved with the community and the environment.

1.2 Composting/Agricultural Area, Palm Desert Campus

- The dining hall and the culinary arts programs are areas on campus that has food waste.
- Agricultural area is different than food waste.
- Child Development Center has a garden where they grow vegetables.
- Maybe composting could be given to Burrtec to dispose of.
- Need to work with Pacific Dining and Jeff Place in the Agriculture program.

2. Faculty Report

2.1 Recycling:

- Would like to see a standard for trash and recycling bins for all campuses.
- Provide signage and an educational recycling campaign to include anything that is recyclable; for example, cans, bottles, plastic, paper cardboard, comingle.
- GIS Application: Candace Weber showed a mapping tool using a GIS software where a student went around the campus and mapped out and took photos of every single recycling and trash bins including bicycle racks and water fill up stations. It was done

approximately a year ago. It is a visual collection of what is on campus in terms of our recycling efforts.

- There are other community colleges that have an actual recycling center.
- Provide a video about recycling on campus as part of the students' registration process.
- Provide recycling information to the Board of Trustees on what we are doing.
- Update the Sustainability Council website.
- Include articles in the Chaparral school newspaper.

3. Other Business

3.1 Electric Car Plug-in Stations

- There is only one station located by the Nursing Building on the Palm Desert campus that was provided by The City of Palm Desert.
- Would like to have more stations installed on campus and possibly at the other campuses too.
- Need to check to see if we can get a grant.
- Maybe partner with SunLine Transit or General Motors.
- Maybe receive donations from the California Alliance for Renewable Energy or Wintec Energy.
- It was discussed and decided to send out a survey with only three questions regarding electric car plug-in stations to students, staff and faculty.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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