



Desert Community College District

Sustainability Council

Minutes for Tuesday, March 10, 2020

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

Classroom AS 103, Applied Sciences Building

Attendees:

Students: Derrick-Kai Zeleznik, Gene Calderon, Isabella Revel, Jathon Arvin, Jessica Dominguez, Kristina Holcomb, Lissanna Castro, Michael Lara, Steven Calderon, Victor Valdez

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

1. Student Report

1.1 Student Co-Chair:

- Still looking to fill this position. Any interested students are to apply in person at the Student Life office, Palm Desert campus.

1.2 Report on the Eco-Logic Club:

- Next Eco-Logic Club meeting is on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classroom AS 102, Applied Sciences Building to discuss the following items:
 - o Scholarship and Internship Opportunities
 - o Fun activities, food and time to relax before midterms begin.
 - o Encouraged everyone to bring a student who may interested in joining the club.
- Mission is similar with Sustainable Council.
- They do a lot of hikes and clean up in the community.
- Volunteer Fair is on April 1st from 11am to 1pm at the outdoor amphitheater between the Cravens Student Services Center and

the Communication Building at the Palm Desert campus.

Different organizations will be at the fair; for example, Friends of the Desert Mountains and Salton Sea Group. Students can receive pLEDGE credits if they attend the fair.

1.3 Composting/Agricultural Area, Palm Desert Campus

- Burrtec Waste Management take the college's green waste to their recycling center.

2. Faculty Report

2.1 Recycling:

- Would like to see a standard for trash and recycling bins for all campuses. Need to set up a meeting with the Director of Maintenance and Operations.
- Need an updated recycling plan.

2.2 Organics Recycling

- Currently the food waste from the dining hall and the culinary arts program is going into the garbage. We need to set up some meetings to discuss food waste.
- There is a new law coming soon that will require people in California and business operators (might apply to schools) to do better job recycling organic waste. Currently it is optional.

2.3 Beeps Cafe

- Need to contact Beeps Café to discuss organic waste and recycling.

3. Other Business

3.1 Electric Car Plug-in Stations Survey Update

- Received and reviewed a copy of the Electric Car Plug-in Stations Survey to be sent out to students, faculty and staff:
 - Introduction: "College of the Desert, at the present time, offers a total of two charging plus for plug-in EVs and plug-in hybrid vehicles on the Palm Desert Campus. The Sustainability Council is looking to gather data regarding the need for future charging stations."

- First question: "Do you currently own a plug-in EV or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle?" Yes or no answer
- Second question: "If an electric vehicle charging station was available, please indicate which location(s) you would use (check all that apply) Palm Desert, Indio, Mecca/Thermal, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs."
- Third question: "Within the next two years, are you planning to drive a plug-in EV or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle? Likely, Somewhat Likely, Not Likely"
- Survey is short and doesn't take long to fill out.
- Students commented that they receive a lot of surveys that are too long to fill out so most of them do not complete them.
- Students said that they are okay with these questions.
- It was suggested to have students fill out the survey in person in a public surrounding on campus.
- It was decided to move forward with the survey with approvals from the offices of Student Services and Instruction.
- Need to check to see if the college is including any electric plug-in stations with any of the new construction projects.

3.2 Chaparral Articles

- Include articles in the Chaparral school newspaper.

3.3 Update COD Website

- Collect and add photos of students in action.
- Update the wording from Green Council to Sustainability Council.
- Michael Harlow will assist with updating the Sustainability Council website.
- Student, Jathon Arvin, developed a Facebook page for the Sustainability Council and will work with Michael Harlow to include it on the website.
- Include a link to instagram.

3.4 Other

- It was decided to move April's meeting from the Cravens Student Services Center Multi-Purpose Room to Classroom AS 103, Applied Sciences Building.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Classroom AS 103, Applied Sciences Building