



## **Sustainability Task Force**

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### **MINUTES**

**Monday, April 14, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Elena Fuentes-Afflick (Co-Chair), Tom Newman (Co-Chair), Peter Bacchetti, Christine Cheng, Durba Dutta, Christina Foushee, Paul Green, Merlin Larson, Norm Oppenheimer, Susan Ryan, Arianne Teherani, Ellen Weber, Torsten Wittmann

**ABSENT:** Christian Apfel, Paul Brakeman, Sheila Brear, Nancy Byl, Gurpreet Chopra, Madhavi Dandu, Laura Esserman, Gwen Essex, Stanton Glantz, Katherine Gundling, Steve Hulley, Tim McCalmont, Karen McCune, BJ Miller, Rossana Segovia-Bain, Tracey Woodruff

**GUESTS:** John Pihl, UCSF Sustainability Manager

The Sustainability Task Force meeting was called to order on April 14, 2008 at 3:37 p.m.

The minutes of March 17, 2008 were approved.

#### **Co-Chairs' Report – Tom Newman**

- Co-Chair Newman is gathering information about videoconferencing facilities at UCSF. The Office of Academic and Administrative Information Systems (OAAIS) Videoconferencing Workgroup is currently working on this issue at UCSF (<http://oaais.ucsf.edu/itgov/1366-DSY.html>). UCSF Librarian Karen Butter chairs this workgroup. As he learns more, he will update the Task Force.
- The UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference will be held July 31 – August 3, 2008 in San Luis Obispo. Task Force members are encouraged to attend. For more information, please see the conference website: <http://sustainability.calpoly.edu/>

#### **Sustainability at UCSF (Attachment I) - John Pihl, UCSF Sustainability Manager**

J. Phil presented the attached slides and responded to the Task Force members' questions on the current sustainability efforts at UCSF. The topics discussed included the following:

- Increasing sustainability in the curriculum.
- The creation of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability, due to be announced April 21, 2008.
- Increasing awareness of sustainability issues for colleagues at UCSF, including problems and solutions already in progress.
- Reducing resource use on campus.
- Working with SFGH on sustainability issues.
- Working with campus catering to generate less waste.
- The power of UCSF and the UC System to influence procurement.
- A wind power study is underway on top of the Ambulatory Care Center that is due to be completed in six months (to gather one year's data).

For questions or more information about sustainability issues on campus, please email John and his colleagues at [sustainability@ucsf.edu](mailto:sustainability@ucsf.edu). One Task Force member suggested creating a “pet peeves” section of the UCSF Sustainability website for members of the campus community to post their concerns and questions about sustainability at UCSF.

### **Sustainability at UCSF: Institutional, Individual and Cultural Changes (Attachment II) - Tom Newman**

Co-Chair Newman presented information on sustainability to the Task Force and facilitated the discussion following the presentation.

The presentation included the following topics:

- Major impact of airplane travel (e.g. GHG from 1 East coast trip = electricity for 1 person for 1 year)
- Variation in price and quality of carbon offsets; suggestion for a UCSF fund like Harvard's that people could pay into rather than buying carbon offsets
- Contribution to global warming from livestock
- Excess US Healthcare spending (1.2 trillion/year) compared with other countries; suggestion that we think about resource use and teaching in very broad terms.

Following the presentation, the Task Force discussed the following issues:

- Improving sustainability on campus should be easy and convenient, otherwise it is less likely to be successful.
- Improvements on campus should include the lifetime cost of products and services and sustainability should be a consideration when making procurement choices.
- Create a model at UCSF for loans to departments for making sustainable improvements, using Harvard's program as an example.
- Recommend that each department on campus should have a sustainability committee.
- It is important to build relationships around doing the right thing, rather than reprimanding people for not doing the right thing.

At this stage, it is important for the Task Force to identify how it can be most effective. For now, the Task Force should determine the broad issues to be addressed and the goals that can be achieved in six months to one year.

### **Reports from Subcommittees**

#### **Campus-Wide Issues**

No report.

#### **Clinical Activities – Christina Foushee**

- Added a link to the Medical Center's Green Group and the minutes from the last Medical Center meeting to the Subcommittee's wiki.

#### **Education/Curriculum – Arianne Teherani**

- Worked to define the objectives of the Subcommittee.

#### **Laboratories – Torsten Wittmann**

- Began to compile a list of the things the subcommittee could do.

At the next meeting, the members would like to clarify the objectives for the subcommittees, i.e. what they will produce for the Task Force and when it will be presented. The goals should be achievable in six months to one year.

### **Future meeting times**

- For the rest of 2008, the Task Force will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month, 3:30-5:00 pm, except where holidays conflict.
- Meeting materials will not be distributed at the meetings. Senate Staff will bring a projector to display the meeting agenda during the meeting.

**New Business**

None.

Co-Chair Fuentes-Afflick adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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