



Sustainability Task Force

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MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2008

PRESENT: Tom Newman (Co-Chair), Peter Bacchetti, Christine Cheng, Steve Hulley, Norm Oppenheimer, Torsten Wittmann

ABSENT: Elena Fuentes-Afflick (Co-Chair), Christian Apfel, Paul Brakeman, Sheila Brear, Gurpreet Chopra, Madhavi Dandu, Durba Dutta, Laura Esserman, Gwen Essex, Christina Foushee, Paul Green, Merlin Larson, Tim McCalmont, Karen McCune, BJ Miller, Susan Ryan, Rossana Segovia-Bain, Arianne Teherani, Ellen Weber, Tracey Woodruff

GUESTS: John Pihl, Sustainability Manager, UCSF
Matthew St. Clair, Sustainability Manager, University of California

The Sustainability Task Force meeting was called to order on June 26, 2008 at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of May 22, 2008 were approved.

Co-Chairs' Report – Tom Newman

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability

Tom Newman attended the first meeting of the Chancellor's Advisory Committee (CAC) on Sustainability (CACS) on June 16, 2008. The meeting mostly consisted of introductions of the members and discussion about the CACS vision statement. The Sustainability Task Force can draft recommendations for CACS on the topics of academics, curriculum and research.

Report from Presentation to the School of Pharmacy

On June 19, 2008, Tom Newman gave a presentation on sustainability to the School of Pharmacy Full Faculty meeting.

Reports from Subcommittees

Campus-Wide Issues

No report.

Clinical Activities

No report.

Education/Curriculum

No report.

Laboratories – Torsten Wittmann

Torsten Wittmann drafted recommendations for making laboratories at UCSF more sustainable. The recommendations will be posted on the Task Force wiki for review.

Sustainability at the University of California (Attachment 1) – Matthew St. Clair, Sustainability Manager, University of California

Matthew St. Clair updated the Task Force on sustainability initiatives across the University of California system.

Following his presentation, Matthew St. Clair discussed the following topics with the Task Force:

- The Academic Senate could communicate environmentally sustainable standards to labs and MSOs to encourage Energy Star purchasing. UC Davis (Janice King, Director, Material Management Office, UC Davis janking@ucdavis.edu) put together a pool of money to support the purchasing of Energy Star and removal of old appliances. Because the campus central administration would realize a cost-savings in energy usage, the Task Force could recommend that UCSF subsidize the transition to Energy Star appliances.
- Faculty can calculate their carbon output from University travel using the Berkeley Institute for Environment carbon footprint calculator <http://coolclimate.berkeley.edu/?q=calculator>. The Task Force could recommend that frequent flyer miles earned from University travel would belong to the University to offset carbon emissions.
- The American College and University President's Climate Commitment (<http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/html/commitment.php>) includes addressing climate change through curriculum and research. UCLA is taking into account the current sustainability curriculum and research and proposing that UCLA campus sustainability be incorporated into education and research. The Task Force could make a similar recommendation for UCSF.

Co-Chair Newman adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.