



Sustainability Task Force

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MINUTES

Thursday, September 25, 2008

PRESENT: Tom Newman (Co-Chair), Peter Bacchetti, Christine Cheng, Stanton Glantz, Paul Green, Steve Hulley, Merlin Larson, Norm Oppenheimer, Susan Ryan, Ellen Weber

ABSENT: Christian Apfel, Paul Brakeman, Sheila Brear, Gurpreet Chopra, Madhavi Dandu, Laura Esserman, Gwen Essex, Christina Foushee, Elena Fuentes-Afflick, Tim McCalmont, Karen McCune, BJ Miller, Rossana Segovia-Bain, Arianne Teherani, Torsten Wittmann, Tracey Woodruff

GUESTS: None

The Sustainability Task Force meeting was called to order on September 25, 2008 at 3:35 p.m.

The minutes of July 24, 2008 were approved.

Co-Chair's Report – Tom Newman

UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference

Co-Chair Newman attended the [UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference](#) in San Luis Obispo on July 31-August 3, 2008. A significant contrast between UCSF and all of the other UC campuses is the drive by students to implement sustainability change on their campuses. UCSF does not have a strong student motivation.

UCSF representation at the conference included a presentation on sustainability progress for the UCSF Medical Center by Robert Hunn, Director of Safety, UCSF Medical Center and Lisa Hartmayer, Clinical Nurse, UCSF Medical Center. Plenary session speakers included John Garamendi, California Lieutenant Governor and Deborah Rowe, US Partnership for Sustainable Development. The most significant areas of progress for sustainability at UC are buildings and recycling.

Update from the CleanMed Conference – Susan Ryan

Susan Ryan attended the 2008 [CleanMed Conference](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 20-22, 2008. She learned that reprocessed medical equipment can be bought at about 60% of the original cost. In Northern California, Assent is the main vendor. Because manufacturers do not want to lose profits, they write clauses into their contracts that the users (i.e. UCSF) cannot buy reprocessed items.

Review of Task Force Recommendations (Attachment 1)

The Task Force members discussed its recommendations to be submitted to the Academic Senate Coordinating Committee for their October 21, 2008 meeting. The document agreed upon by the Task

Force is attached.

Adjournment

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

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