

Sustainability Committee
Torsten Wittmann, PhD Chair

February 29, 2016
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Room U-506

MINUTES

PRESENT: Tosten Wittmann (Chair), Gail Lee, Soo-Jeong Lee, Maria Raven, Ralph Wang
Marya Zlatnik

ABSENT: Michael Grabe (Vice Chair), Seema Ghandi, Sheri Weiser

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair's Report

None

Academic Senate Analyst Report

Faculty Research Lecture – Basic Science

The 59th Academic Senate Faculty Research Lecture – Basic Science will be awarded to David Morgan, PhD, FRS on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Byers Auditorium at the Mission Bay campus.

Faculty Research Lecture – Translational Science

The 6th Academic Senate Faculty Research Lecture – Translational Science will be awarded Dean Sheppard, MD on Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Byers Auditorium at the Mission Bay campus.

Chancellor's Fund

In summer 2014, Chancellor Hawgood provided \$500,000 to the UCSF Academic Senate to use toward faculty life, which is generally known as the "Chancellor's Fund." The Chancellor's Fund is expected to be renewed annually for the next decade and expended within the fiscal year in which the funds are provided to the Senate Office.

The Sustainability Committee discussed proposals for the 2015-2016 Chancellor's Fund. The Sustainability Committee developed two proposals.

Sustainability Conference Grants

The Sustainability Committee proposes to provide up to \$2,000 to UCSF faculty with appointments of 50% or greater to assist attending meetings of learned societies, conferences, and continued education that addresses sustainability in health science research, education, or patient care.

Visiting Scholar Stipends

The Sustainability Committee proposes to provide up to \$2,000 to UCSF faculty to invite and host visiting scholars for the purpose of engaging UCSF faculty in sustainability issues.

Carbon Neutrality Initiative – Arianne Teherani

Arianne Teherani provided an update to the Sustainability Committee on the UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative.

In November 2013, President Napolitano announced the Carbon Neutrality Initiative which commits UC to emitting net zero greenhouse gases from its buildings and vehicle fleet by 2025.

Faculty Curriculum Workshops and Networking Events

UCSF received \$35,500 to boost climate neutrality and sustainability education across the campus. The funding will support a curriculum workshop and a networking event to engage faculty members who choose to infuse climate change and sustainability concepts into existing courses across disciplines.

UCSF identified Sheri Weiser and Arianne Teherani as co-leaders for the workshop and networking event. Drs. Weiser and Teherani will attend a systemwide training session.

The curriculum workshop will be on May 31, 2016.

Each campus is expected to host a workshop for 20 faculty members during the 2015-2016 academic year, with a follow-up networking event in 2016-2017 that will be open to all faculty and that will showcase the revised courses.

Faculty Climate Action Champion Program

This program incentivizes and supports faculty engagement in climate change research, teaching, and engagement. Champions are expected to help meet and focus student demand for climate action and education. The champion should also inspire a wider range of faculty to take up the challenge of engaged research and education to achieve carbon neutrality.

UCSF selected Arianne Teherani to serve as the Faculty Climate Action Champion.

Fossil Fuel Divestment

Tom Newman discussed fossil fuel divestment with the Sustainability Committee.

In 2013 the UCSF Academic Senate Sustainability Task Force drafted a resolution to support divestment from fossil fuel companies. The UCSF Academic Senate did not approve the resolution.

In 2015 the UC system sold off its endowment and pension fund holdings in coal and oil sands companies, a \$200-million divestment. UC still has about \$10 billion in energy investments, approximately 10% of the \$100 billion it holds in endowment and pension funds.

Clean Meat

Mike Martin discussed clean meat with the Sustainability Committee.

In 2013 the UCSF Academic Senate Sustainability Task Force passed a resolution on the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in agriculture.

The committee discussed whether the Academic Senate Sustainability Committee should pass a resolution calling for the abolition of red meat at UCSF. The committee agreed to invite Dan Henroid, Director, Nutrition and Food Services to discuss implementation of the 2013 Clean Meat resolution.

Adjournment

Chair Wittmann adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.