

Sustainability Committee
Torsten Wittmann, PhD Chair

November 23, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Room U-506

MINUTES

PRESENT: Tosten Wittmann (Chair), Michael Grabe (Vice Chair), Seema Ghandi, Gai Lee, Soo-Jeong Lee, Maria Raven, Marya Zlatnik

ABSENT: Ralph Wang, Sheri Weiser

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

Chair's Report

None

Chancellor's Fund

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.

Examples of past conferences attended with support from this funding opportunity:

- CleanMed 2015 Conference
- California Higher Education Sustainability Conference
- International Institute for Sustainability Laboratories Annual Conference
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference and Expo

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

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.

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.

UCSF Green Challenge

Sustainability Director Gail Lee provided an update on the implementation of the UCSF Green Challenge.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, the Sustainability Committee established a program titled UCSF Green Challenge. The purpose of the program was to reward innovative ideas that would make UCSF a leader in sustainability in education, research, or clinical care. The program was open to the entire UCSF community including faculty, students, and staff.

The winning application proposed to create dynamic digital dashboards that would display real time energy usage data in buildings across campus.

Gail Lee reported that the Office of Sustainability is working with Campus Life Services to implement the project.

Members of the Committee on Sustainability expressed concern that the Office of Sustainability is not doing enough to move the project forward. Members of the Committee on Sustainability emphasized the goal of the project and discouraged the Office of Sustainability from re-appropriating the project budget for the purpose of procuring hardware for the Office of Sustainability.

Adjournment

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