The Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Teherani on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 8:30am in room CL-210. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from June 2012
The minutes of the June 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

Chair’s Report
Chair Teherani welcomed returning members and mentioned new members who would be joining in December. A request has also gone to the Senate’s Committee on Committees to add additional representatives from SON and SOP, preferably faculty connected to the education mission in their schools.

Sustainable Food Conference Wrap-up
Sapna Thottahil from Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility provided an overview of the conference, especially Day 2, which no Sustainability Committee members attended. CoS members Michael Martin and Thomas Newman attended day one.

Forty people attended Day 2, which focused on food procurement and delivery. Most in attendance were food producers, distributors, and food service people.

Members discussed what UCSF’s role would be moving forward—either within the UC System or statewide.

Ideas discussed included:
1. Have the Food Services Individuals come to the next meeting to discuss development of a beyond-UCSF campaign.
2. Senate Analyst Cleaver also wants to notify the campus-at-large of this resolution so they’re aware prior to any external campaign.
3. S. Thottahil pitched the idea of developing or hosting (through PSR) a webinar on UCSF’s Resolution on Sustainable Food. Food Services should be involved. The webinar could be hosted by the Pew Foundation and include the various policies associated with the sustainable food movement (providing historical context to those newly listening).
4. Analyst Cleaver will also route the resolution to other Senates within the UC System for them to develop their own initiative.
   a. We would partner with UCLA and other UCs with medical institutions.
   b. We can also take the resolution to other institutions beyond the UC System (Stanford, John Hopkins, Harvard).
5. It could also be linked with UCSF Infectious Diseases Department to highlight the effects of climate change on health which compound issues of non-therapeutic antibiotics being in the food supply served to such patients.
6. Also this could be developed to be presented at the Wellness Expo in January 2014.

For the December meeting, invite Jennifer Dowd, Retail Services Manager, to discuss sustainable food in the retail vendors. See if a partnership can be developed.

**Sustainability Focus for 2013-2014**

Members discussed new topics to explore this year in areas of Faculty Welfare and Research/Research Policy.

Of particular interest was Divestment Discussion. There now exists a sustainable/green focus “social welfare” index. There is an ongoing UC Systemwide initiative examining divestment options. Results are forthcoming with action timeline to follow.

From a Clinical Affairs perspective, what is the status of the UCSF Medical Center’s connection to the Healthy Hospitals Initiative? How do SC and Academic Senate align with this and promote it?

**Old Business**

Follow-up of action items from last academic year

**Sustainability in Education**

Chair Teherani and Vice Chair Ryan updated the committee on work accomplished by resident Latifat Apitira during the past summer. She examined the SOM curriculum for any pre-existing sustainability content and for opportunities into which such curriculum could be inserted. She examined down to the sessions-level.

The next step is working with the other UCSF schools, then bringing results to the Committee on Educational Policy (Academic Senate) to expand and share what’s been accomplished. SC discussed best pathways to advance these ideas.

A new joint committee opinion (ACOG and ASRH) on environmental health is forthcoming. It is setting up the guidelines for practice for all its practitioners.

**New Business**

SC members are going to explore how UCSF can be a leader in Sustainability. One avenue is through the hosting in Fall 2014 of the US Green Building Council Conference. Gail Lee and the Sustainability Office will be developing this idea with more information to come at future meetings.

**Adjournment**

Chair Teherani adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

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