Sustainability Task Force
Arianne Teherani, MD, Chair

MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2013

PRESENT: Arianne Teherani (Chair), Susan Ryan (Vice Chair), Robert Gould, Michael Martin, Tom Newman, Maria Raven, Steve Schroeder, Torsten Wittmann

ABSENT: Timothy McCalmont, Steve Schroeder, Ellen Weber

GUEST(S): Gail Lee, UCSF Sustainability Manager; Robin Cooper, MD, Department of Psychiatry; Heather Alden, Executive Director, UCSF Academic Senate

The Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Teherani on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 9:15am in room CL-223. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2013 Meeting
The minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting were approved as amended.

Chair’s Report
University of California President Janet Napolitano’s Visit to UCSF
Chair Teherani asked Executive Director to give an update on University of California President Janet Napolitano’s visit to UCSF. H. Alden reported that President Napolitano outlined her priorities which specifically included sustainability. Committee comments included:

- Concern that the issue of sustainability is still only receiving lip service and there is not much traction. Sustainable practices need to be embedded in practice and curriculum.
- G. Lee indicated that comments surrounding sustainability obtained during UCSF 2.0 have been compiled. She has sent the UCSF 2025 document to Analyst Cleaver for distribution to the group.

Spring 2014 Health and Sustainability Summit – G. Lee
G. Lee solicited the Committee’s input regarding the summit that is currently slated for February 26, 2014. (Attachment 1) Primary planning concerns are:

1. If an entire day of events is planned, would both the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS) and the Academic Senate Committee on Sustainability (ASCS) be able to present for the entire time?
2. Panelist Availability.

Committee comments included:

- At a previous meeting there was concern that March will mark the 150th Anniversary celebrations so to avoid conflicts, the event should be moved to the fall. Most members felt that February 2014 is too soon.
- An entire day seems ambitious. The Clean Meat Conference was very focused in terms of agenda and the entire day was not necessary for productivity.
• The Clean Meat Conference was also open to outside invitees. If the summit were to also include outside invitees, there may be a better turnout. G. Lee agreed, but reminded the group that UCSF 2025 is mostly focused on faculty and curriculum so the turnout would need to be largely UCSF.
• Resident and fellows should be included, though according to G. Lee, it is difficult to generate interest within those groups.

Chair Teherani summarized the issues for continued discussion:
1. The agenda needs focus in terms of theme.
   a. A possible theme could be: “What Would it Take for UCSF to be a Leader in Sustainability?”
   b. This could tie in with both the 150th Anniversary as well as President Napolitano’s commitment to sustainability.
2. A full day is generally undesirable.
3. A fall date is preferable and seems more logistically sound.

**Status of Sustainable Food Communication and Changes at UCSF**
The Committee discussed the drafted communication and had these comments:
• What is the larger goal of this communication? What is our audience?
• T. Newman has submitted changes to Analyst Cleaver for distribution to the group.
• This communication and the resolution aren’t only about UCSF, it should be a directive for the entire UC student, staff, and faculty population to make a personal commitment to not buy these products.
• M. Raven expressed concern that people might assume that committing to such a resolution (promoting antibiotic-free meat/poultry) will result in increased costs. If there is data to counterbalance this perception, the communication about the resolution should speak to it.
• The communication should direct readers to [http://sustainability.ucsf.edu/](http://sustainability.ucsf.edu/) and the working group materials.
• A marketing campaign could include a poster series.

**Working with the Academic Senate Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) to Introduce Sustainability into the Curriculum.**
• Working off of Latifat Apatira’s work in examining the School of Medicine’s (SOM) curriculum for any pre-existing sustainability content and opportunities to incorporate this content, what is the best way to encourage the other three schools to start a similar inquiry? we need to implement this in all four schools.
• Barbara Burgel in the School of Nursing (SON) may be a good contact as she has been introducing this into the curriculum.
• T. Wittmann was tasked with determining whether the School of Dentistry (SOD) has a similar repository of information.
• T. Wittmann inquired whether there should be one course across all schools or that each school should develop their own content. He suggested appending a sustainability module to the already implemented ethics module. The committee agreed that this would be a great approach.
• Should the curriculum address the larger issues of the impact on global health and reproductive health?

**Old Business**
Chair Teherani led the committee on divestment and whether the committee would like to pursue this issue.
• T. Newman indicated that Analyst Cleaver had suggested getting this item on APB’s agenda.
• G. Lee suggested having Calpers present to the committee on their divestment activities. She also noted that there is a task force at the Office of the President. She will report back to the committee on their progress.
New Business
Citizen’s Climate Lobby – R. Cooper
R. Cooper introduced herself and the Citizen’s Climate Lobby to the Committee. Her primary message to the group was to get higher education involved on taking a stand on carbon tax. T. Newman requested that R. Cooper fill the remaining vacancy on the Committee. Analyst Patel will transmit that request, pending confirmation that she is eligible to serve.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Chair Teherani adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.

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