

Sustainability Committee
Torsten Wittmann, PhD Chair

October 19, 2015
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Room U-506

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Gail Lee, Ralph Wang, Sheri Weiser

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

Chair's Report – Torsten Wittmann, PhD

Academic Senate Analyst Report

Question of the Month

The October Question of the Month is: What does UCSF do well to institutionally support early career faculty, and what does not work so well?

Division Meeting

The San Francisco Division of the University of California Academic Senate will convene on Thursday, January 28, 2015 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Rock Hall at the Mission Bay campus. All members of the faculty are strongly encouraged to attend.

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 proposed the following for the 2014-2015 Chancellor's Fund.

- \$2,000 to support a plenary speaker for a meeting at UCSF
- \$3,000 to support a summer intern

- \$2,500 to support the project budget for the summer intern
- \$7,767 to support travel to sustainability conferences. Members of the faculty only applied for \$3,678 for sustainability conferences. The remaining \$4,089 was transferred to the UCSF Academic Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare in order to support to Chancellor's Fund for Faculty Enrichment/Need.

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

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.

Cool Campus Challenge

The Sustainability Committee discussed the Cool Campus Challenge. From October 6 to December 10, all UC faculty, staff, and students are invited to participate in the Cool Campus Challenge – a friendly competition aimed at reducing UC's carbon footprint and creating a culture of sustainability across campus.

Adjournment

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