

Attendance

Students: Richard Gomez, Feras Alsodais, Jose Rodriguez, Sonalei Amador, Angel Cortez

Faculty and staff: Kurt Leuschner, Tim Nakamura, Linda Costagliola, Joe Wachsmuth, Bryan Lee, Brandon Toepfer, John Ramont

K. Leuschner welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the charter for Green Council. This is a unique committee because there is no membership. Everyone is welcome to attend to work on issues to make the campus sustainable.

Student Report:

- Student Co-Chair
 - Should be selected soon.
 - Any students interested, should contact ASCOD, K. Leuschner or L. Costagliola.
- Smoking Survey Update
 - COD is a smoke restricted campus.
 - Designated smoking areas are marked with a yellow umbrella and nowhere else.
 - Legislative is working on banning smoking at all community colleges campuses.
 - Survey is under construction – J. Rodriguez
 - Survey will be accessed through SurveyMonkey
 - Included is a question on vapor smoking
- Review COD Green Council Sustainability Stewardship Document
 - Policy is posted on the Green Council website
 - May review policy at a later time
- COD Green Council 2015-2016 Report
 - J. Rodriguez continues to work on a report that will include a summary of what Green Council has accomplished in 2015-2016, which will include the Signal Campus kiosks project, water stations project, and POD cast radio station event.

Faculty Report

- Assessment of Bike Racks on Campus
 - Would like to look into purchasing more bike racks and place them near buildings that do not have a bike rack. Would need to identify budget, location for placement of bike racks, get approval from Dean, VP and then present at the Facilities Advisory Committee.
 - Costs of bike racks range from hundreds to thousands of dollars depending on the style.
 - CV Link – Coachella Valley Alternative Transportation Route Project. It was suggested to have someone from CVAG attend a Green Council meeting to speak about this project.

- Website Exposure for Green Council
 - Green Council is included with the Sustainability Stewardship website
 - To access Green Council website use the search tool on the website

- Grass Reduction and Water Conservation
 - Need to survey grass area around campus to see which areas are not getting used.

- Plan for the Year
 - Develop a plan
 - Set goals
 - Wait until student co-chair is selected
 - Get more people coming to the meetings and get involved. Bringing forth ideas and suggestions on things the group could work on to make the campus greener, more sustainable.

Maintenance & Operations Report

- Signal Campus Recycling Containers
 - Seven kiosk containers have been installed
 - Location of the containers are ASC, Gym, Dining Hall, Pollock Theatre, Cravens Student Services Center, Community Building and Library
 - Containers are lockable. No problems with people digging into them and leaving trash on the ground.
 - Containers hold trash and comingled
 - Maintained by Signal Campus
 - It was suggested to look into the possibility of getting one for the Indio campus.
- LEED Buildings
 - Would like to know which buildings are LEED certified and at what level
 - Levels of certification are Silver, Gold, and Platinum
 - Include a plaque on the buildings. Some buildings have a plaque. It was suggested using recycling to pay for the plaques.
- Grass Reduction and Water Conservation
 - What have we done so far
 - Took out the infield out of the softball field last fall
 - Use well water to water.
 - We are required to reduce our water usage by 20% off of 2012, which is our baseline. We are well under that.
 - Submitted a Grant proposal to take out the turf on the San Pablo entrance and Fred Waring entrance. Waiting for a response.

Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.