

San Diego Miramar College
Environmental Stewardship Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

Date; 2:15-3:15 in L-108

Members: Gail (Teresa) Warner, Pablo Martin, Andy Lowe, Alex Mata, Virginia Naters, Betty-Anne Reichard, AnnaLiza Soriano Manzo, Rachel Halligan, Jamie Higgins, Luz Lopez, Sayeh Dehestani, Liz Hubert*, Evelyn Ono Vineberg*, Laura Gonzalez*, CL Caffrey*, Melissa Martinez*, Darrell Rankin*, Daphne Figueroa*, Sheila Madrak*, Tenaya Bearmar*

* Non-voting Members

** Guests

1) Call to order

2:17

2) Approval of agenda

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

4) Old Business

1. Sustainability Club Update (Tenaya)

- a. They are reaching out to the club at City College, Mesa also has a club: Terra Mesa
- b. Fall Fest went really well and Tenaya got 30 new contacts
- c. Upcoming field trip to a sustainable farm in IB (Wild Willow farm)—they will be going as a group of friends
- d. Goal for this semester: get the ball rolling on campus actions, increase membership, and get out in the community (laying the groundwork)

2. Earth Week Subcommittee Update (Melissa)

- a. Earth Day is on a Wednesday this year
 - b. Jamie and Melissa met to discuss ideas for the event
 - c. In terms of funding, Melissa believes we may be able to get \$600 from PDP funds—we need to get the paperwork in ASAP (start of spring semester) and so we need a plan for how to spend the money
 - i. ESC members are encouraged to think of ideas for the event, whether speakers or other events
 - ii. We will need someone to shepherd the PDP grant request process
 - d. Maybe we could make it a district wide Earth Week (collaborating with all of the campuses and district office even), with one event per college per day**
 - i. Pablo will reach out to the Sustainability faculty at City and Mesa (email sent 11/5/19)
 - e. Even though we had limited funds in 2019, we had four days of events at Miramar
 - f. Maybe we can get creative with other event ideas (the group has been asked to brainstorm ideas)
 - g. We can reach out to the ASG (Pablo) and the Sustainability Club (Melissa) to collaborate with them
3. ASG Update (ASG Rep) (they didn't come to the meeting, so Pablo will email them to follow-up)
- a. Recycling update. Based on this:
 - i. Let's set up a meeting with Brett Bell
 - ii. Let's ask Dane Lindsay to speak at a future ESC meeting
 - b. Green New Deal at Miramar

5) New Business

- 1. District Sustainability Committee. (Sheila)
 - a. Three members were in attendance

- b. Two of the members were focused on business sustainability and were not interested in environmental sustainability or using "environment" in any materials coming from the committee
 - i. They felt that the original committee was focused on LEED certification for new buildings and the mission now should change to a economic/business sustainability focus
- c. Two of the members had met previously and had something of an agenda already in place, one focused on sustainable business practices
- d. Trustee Bernie Rhinerson is interested in moving away from single-use plastics, although one member thought this was not realistic
- e. Sheila suggested that unless we get more environmentally focused members attending that meeting, the focus will likely be economic/business
- f. Chris Mannis is the chair and he is head of facilities for the district
- g. Daphne suggested that this is not likely a governance committee and thus is more of an advisory group and will listen to and promote any advice they want

2. SPEAK Taskforce FYI (Anna Liza)

- a. Center for Community Solutions has a grant to provide prevention and intervention re. sexual assault, etc.
- b. Miramar's campus advocate is Aisha (her office is at City College and is available to come to Miramar)
- c. CCS is a local rape crisis center
- d. Advocacy services are broad (peer support, working with Title IV, etc.)
- e. SPEAK is meeting 11/13 at 11:00 in K1-209

3. Discuss operating style of the ESC:

- a. Should we focus on one collective project, while encouraging individuals to work on other issues with the ESC as "formal" support when necessary?
- b. Should we continue to focus on several projects, dividing task leadership up among ESC members?
- c. Given what we decide, how should we prioritize and proceed with our other projects? (Such as the Vernal Pools, the "Take The Stairs Campaign," campus garden and more)

4. Meeting frequency (Pablo)

- a. Should we plan to meet once or twice per month?

Notes on 3 &4:

While the group didn't discuss meeting frequency (aside from sharing Laura's comment that ideally the ESC meets more often when it has more work to do), we had some interesting ideas on 3:

- A. The ESC does two things: things that we do on campus and things that we communicate about how things should operate on campus
 - B. Maybe we could focus on having events throughout the year, perhaps every month or two; perhaps have this as a standing item
 - C. A lot of us teach courses with a sustainability focus—perhaps we could provide a showcase of what we try to do in our classes so that they know there are folks at Miramar trying to make the campus/world more sustainable
 - D. Maybe we could invite local colleges to present their majors and expose our students
 - E. Interdisciplinarity/one book: any faculty interested in Sustainability could do a unit that relates their subject to that concept/focus; if we did this once per semester, it could bring a lot of students together around it—we can show students that they don't need to be environmentalists to care about and learn about the environment
 - F. Define what we want to get done as the ESC in terms of short term and long term goals
 - G. Tentative Fall Event Participants: (host on 12/4 or 12/5?)
 - a. Daphne Fiegueroa (on Chemistry's green experiments)
 - b. Melissa Martinez ("science fiction" and our near-future climate crisis)
 - c. Pablo Martin
5. Campaign to promote mass transit or carpooling once a week (Pablo): not discussed

6) Roundtable

7) Adjournment

3:16