

San Diego Miramar College
Environmental Stewardship Subcommittee

Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2020; 2:00-3:00 via Zoom (Meeting ID: 967 7949 1819)

Members: Gail (Teresa) Warner, Pablo Martin, Andy Lowe, Alex Mata, Virginia Naters, Betty-Anne Reichard, AnnaLiza Soriano Manzo, Rachel Halligan, Alisa Peshina, William Wyatt

Permanent Guests: Liz Hubert, Evelyn Ono Vineberg, CL Caffrey, Melissa Martinez, Sheila Madrak, Mardi Parelman

Guests:

1) Call to order

a. 2:06

2) Approval of agenda

a. Changes were made to the agenda (items 1 and 6 were added to the original agenda) and were approved

3) Approval of minutes from last meeting

4) Business

1. ESC Interim Chair (for Spring 2021): We need to elect an interim chair for next semester while Pablo is on sabbatical.
 - a. Any member of the committee can be chair so long as they are elected by the committee
2. SDCCD and Miramar Energy Use: specifically reductions in energy use for elevators
 - a. No further information was provided by the VP's office (beyond what was discussed at our last meeting)
3. ESC Poll about what we want the SDCCD Sustainability Committee to focus on: banning single-use plastics, composting, reusable utensils, more plant-based meals available, recycling, reducing paper use, water dispensers on campus?
 - a. Composting (already started at Mesa)?
 - b. Recycling: now may be a good time to revisit our contracts?
 - c. After some discussion, the group decided that **single-use plastics** will be our focus
 - i. Do we need to survey our students about what we should focus on? (Perhaps ASG can lead a student inquiry?) The committee decided against

this and opted, given the feedback we've received from our students and the positions taken by local universities, that we should get moving on implementation

- ii. The community colleges can collaborate and benefit from working with the UCs and CSUs
 - iii. Students are really supportive of this change
 - iv. This could also speak to recycling, water dispensers, other concerns that are important to the ESC
 - v. To share first with the Facilities Committee and then the campus as a whole: "The Miramar ESC is in support of the district phasing out single-use plastics, and not selling, buying, or signing new contracts that promote single-use plastics with the goal of zero single-use plastics by a certain date"
4. Recommended films to use in our courses and to promote to students in general:
- a. *Purple Mountains* (www.purplemountainfilm.com) One man's journey to find common ground in the mountains — one voter at a time.
 - b. A Sustainability Club student shared another documentary from the Patagonia company: *Public Trust Feature Film—The Fight for America's Public Lands* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGjnIG7puzY>)
 - c. <https://www.storyofplastic.org/> (on Netflix for educational use: *The Story of Plastic* <https://about.netflix.com/en/news/free-educational-documentaries>, <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvahqwMqN4M0GRkZY8WkLZMb6Z-W7qbLA>)
 - d. Another film about plastics: *Bag It* (<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1612246/>)
 - e. *Gather*. This film tells the story about Indian resilience and the renaissance of Native food systems. <https://www.nativefoodsystems.org/>
5. Free Farmer's Market: general update
- a. The free farmer's market is happening on Wednesday mornings
 - i. They are looking for volunteers to help
 - ii. On WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7th from 10 AM--11 AM, students who are currently enrolled will be able to drive up and have a box/bag of fresh produce and a bag (or two!) of other grocery items deposited into their trunk. If you would like to participate, please complete the form by the deadline date of Monday, October 5, at 4:00 pm at this link: <https://forms.gle/zdTcjG2rZkC1hp37>
6. Events:
- a. Participate in San Diego CAP forums. Learn more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/climate-action-plan>
 - b. Promoted the AFT Town Hall Climate Crisis on 10/8/20

5) Reports

6) Roundtable

7) Adjournment

Meeting Chat from Zoom:

- 14:18:54 From Sheila Madrak : This was an article one of my BIOL 107 students shared with our class today: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/sep/28/new-super-enzyme-eats-plastic-bottles-six-times-faster>
- 14:22:33 From Andrew Lowe : Perhaps ASG can lead a student inquiry.
- 14:23:02 From Sheila Madrak : <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc-ditch-single-use-plastics>
- 14:31:24 From Sheila Madrak : I think it may need to be a step down. First eliminate sales of single-use, not providing in cafeterias.
- 14:33:14 From Betty Reichard : I think we should just introduce it when the students come back. They would have to ask for it, just like straws
- 14:42:26 From Sheila Madrak : Netflix films available for educational use:
<https://about.netflix.com/en/news/free-educational-documentaries>
- 14:43:09 From Sheila Madrak :
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvahqwMqN4M0GRkZY8WkLZMb6Z-W7qbLA>
- 14:45:05 From Melissa Martinez (she/her) : <https://www.storyofplastic.org/>
- 14:46:21 From Sheila Madrak : <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/climate-action-plan>
- 14:49:04 From Sheila Madrak : <https://media.netflix.com/en/only-on-netflix#/all?page=1>