

Presidents' Commitment to Climate & Sustainability Committee

April 1st 2014 1:00 G138 Meeting Notes

Present: Michael Boyle, Marcela Rodriguez, Michael D'Entremont, Oscar Pena, Krista Reichert, Rob Whitman, Karalynn Gau, Scott Benjamin; Julie Lambert; Kevin Wery, Matheus Cabral, David Roberts, Lauren Brennan; Eileen Feldman

1. Discussion with Events about greening events on campus
 - a. Kevin and Lauren described the progress they have made in making events more sustainable
 - i. Use of compostable items, use of recycled materials, ect
 - ii. They will accommodate request of event hosts
 1. Most things are reasonable if within budget for the event
 2. Space, materials, signage is requested through Events Office, food related requests are specifically handled by FAME
 - b. Committee wanted to know about sustainability of food options and eliminating bottled water from events
 - i. Kevin recommended we meet separately with FAME to discuss these particular concerns but noted that they will honor requests for carboys of water instead of bottled water if requested from the host.
 - c. Committee decided it would be good to invite FAME to a follow-up meeting.
2. Sustainability Showcase
 - a. Showcase now featured as part of the 40th Celebrations
 - i. Hosted on Earth Day in the A300 gallery
 - b. Logistics of Event
 - i. Space and time not conducive to open mic recognition
 1. It was recommended that President Eddinger could give opening remarks and formally recognize all of the projects identified
 - a. Identifying projects valuable to GHG narrative
 - ii. Seated event with display area outside for any pop-up projects
 - iii. Give 10 minutes to three Showcased projects—1 student, 1 club, 1 faculty/class, 1 office or department
 1. Group reviewed possible projects to showcase and decided to contact potential presenters to speak for 10 minutes about their projects
 - a. Rethink the Way You Drink (student), Urban Garden (staff), ESL Class (class/faculty)
 2. More nominations needed
 - a. Krista asked Committee to help identify more projects to recognize.
 - iv. Committee reviewed and edited call for nomination language and surveyCall for nominations to go out via all campus email