

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 9, 2010**

ATTENDEES:

Mia Casey, Brenda Davis-Visas, Gillian Schultz, Becky Urrutia-Lopez, Judy Gucker, Paula Schales, Scott Lankford, Karen Oeh, Janice Carr, Charlotte Thunen, Sam Connell, Karen Smith, Guests: students, Saul _____ and Ken____ (ASFC representative)

1. Transportation/Zimride Rideshare Portal

First piece of the transportation puzzle to go in place will be Zimride, a ridesharing portal. We are losing 250+ parking spaces in January/February, which will motivate people to join Zimride. Marketing will promote it.

2. Organic Garden

Several beds have been planted; fence not complete.

3. Subcommittees

Transportation: Bob Cormia is no longer involved, but will finish the Zimride project. Judy and Brenda will carry it forward.

Native Garden: will have a work day on the 19th; Native grasses will be planted on the slope of the lower campus for an experiment with native species.

More subcommittees are forming.

4. New Initiative: FUFU—Foothill Urban Farmers Exchange

Faculty/Staff who grow can meet and will bring their produce for exchange this Spring.

5. Sustainable Learning Community/Co-curricular activities

Scott Lankford's shared an idea to create interdisciplinary courses with team-teaching, modeled after Sierra College's. He and Sam Connell will pitch to Curriculum Committee

- Movie Showings: 11/10 Food Inc. @ 12 noon, and 11/24 The Future of Food @ 12 noon
- Lecture: Equator Coffees 11/19 @ 10am in the Hearthside Lounge
- Slow Food Feast: 12/1 @ 10 or 11 in Toyon Room, with apple tasting, snacks and a panel discussion, informal discussion

6. Education Trainer for Sustainability

Janice Carr told us about her training with Population Connection (formerly Zero Population Growth) a group that sponsors workshops for teachers to demonstrate activities they can do with their students to raise awareness of environmental issues. Janice demonstrated some of the workshop material/activities for us.

7. Earth Week Planning

Gillian Schultz offered to coordinate this effort.

Some of the plans include: a campus clean-up; Hidden Villa will be contacted for participation; perhaps students from environmental biology class can be involved; there will be a parachute for an earth day activity.

OPEN DISCUSSION/NEW TOPICS

- Beckie indicated there is a new solar building apprenticeship program based at NASA/Ames.