

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 12, 2013

Attendees: Mia Casey, Janice Carr, Scott Lankford, Hilda Fernandez, Gillian Schultz

1. Climate Action Plan/GHG/SMP plans: Mia indicated that she and Bob have focused on the CAP in order to get it done and submitted, then will proceed with the GHG audit, which is more involved and requires more time.

2. Updates on Initiatives:

(a) Transportation Update – The vote for ecoPass passed and is going to the Board of Trustees for approval. There will be a ‘green fee’ charged to all registered students that will fund the ecoPass program, and provide the opportunity for all students to purchase a bus pass for the quarter that will allow them to ride all Santa Clara County buses as well as light rail for only a few dollars. The program will begin at Foothill in Fall 2013.

(b) Sustainable Learning Community – Not much to report at this time. There will be an Emerald Campus Lecture Series taking place next month featuring Raphael Rosen, President of Carbon Lighthouse. Classes are scheduled to attend.

(c) Earth Day Planning– Scott Lankford has taken the lead on planning our earth day activities this year. The theme is “Earth Justice Day” and Scott is working with students to focus activities and raise awareness on the link between human trafficking/slavery/exploitation of the most vulnerable populations and the destruction of the environment. He shared with us a Ted talk by Kevin Bales, who talks about the human trafficking going on in the world today.

3. Open Discussion/New Topics:

Discussion around Earth Justice Day evolved into a discussion of the new Global Citizenship planning group that wants to develop courses or a certificate around Global Citizenship. Scott talked about how the group’s work ties in with sustainability and students gaining a global perspective on issues.