Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt, the Chairperson for the Sustainability Sub-committee, called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. The first part of the meeting was an introduction of all the present participants. There were about 35 people present for the meeting. Biology Instructor Peggy Lopipe-Langmo's Intro to Environmental Studies students represented about half of the attending participants. The remaining breakdown of attendees were representatives of various departments as well as Board Trustee John Rizzo and Vice Chancellor Peter Goldstein. After Dr. Hunnicutt went over some of the subcommittee policies, she mentioned the new appointees to shared governance.

Winifred Kwofie, who was scheduled to give a Sustainability Plan update, was unable to be at the meeting, so Dr. Hunnicutt introduced the presenters who would provide additional information reflecting college programs and curricula. Dr. Carole Toebbe, current chairperson for the Biological Sciences department, passed out a handout which consisted of a hierarchical breakdown of biology courses and their specific relation to Ecology-related courses. Dr Toebbe went over the classes as they applied towards an A.A. degree and transfer to a four-year institution. All of the curriculum in the handout has been approved by the CCSF curriculum committee and is awaiting State approval. Dr. Toebbe also provided her e-mail address (ctoebe@ccsf.edu) and her office information (Sci 304).

Steven Glick, Dean of the School of Business and the Downtown Campus, talked about a possible Green and Sustainable Business Center, more than likely to be situated at the Downtown Campus. Dean Glick mentioned that the center may be funded by a grant in progress with CCSF and PG&E. The grant is initially for $10,000.00 and is meant as a precursor to determine the viability of such a center. The grant has not yet been approved by PG&E and/or CCSF. Dean Glick also mentioned that Citibank may also be interested in funding such a project. (At the time of the meeting, the grant had not been approved. According to an update, the grant was indeed approved by PG&E.)

Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt, Dean of the Southeast Campus, mentioned the forming of an Environmental Club at the Southeast Campus and preliminary plans for sustainability projects at the Campus. She also spoke on behalf of David Dias of the Evans Campus by highlighting the Green Projects already underway at the Evans Camps, which included the following points: 1) CCSF, through the Advanced Transportation & Energy initiative and the EPA Biodiesel grant continues to work toward providing biodiesel education, curriculum training and infrastructure to fleets in Northern California; 2) CCSF has applied for grant funding to support a proposed Hybrid training course that would be offered at CCSF. The course would provide students with training needed to repair the growing number of hybrid vehicles on the road; and 3) CCSF is taking great strides toward solar education. CCSF recently purchased an 80-watt photo-voltaic module to complete a set of four panels that will be installed at the CCSF Evans Campus for training purposes. The workshops will take place in the winter or spring and will be expanded into CCSF courses. CCSF is part of a National Science Foundation grant to be submitted by the California Community Colleges and the California State University system. CCSF is also working with Bay Area solar employers, installers, and manufacturers.

Student Virginie Corominas gave a PowerPoint presentation which consisted of what would eventually become the CCSF Sustainability website. She provided four examples and opened the floor to comments from the attending participants. Of the four site examples, people seemed to gravitate more to examples three and four. Virginie also mentioned that she would make the presentation available for downloading so that people could take a closer look and come up with potential enhancements/corrections/additions to each site. A sign-up sheet was circulated for people who were interested in working on the Sustainability website.
Carlita Martinez, of the Resource Conservation and Resource Center spoke about the recycling efforts at the Ocean Campus and the satellite campuses. According to Ms. Martinez, there are ten students employed at the recycling center at Ocean Campus and one student at each of the satellite campuses, mostly because the Ocean Campus is the largest in terms of students of all campuses. Ms. Martinez distributed a handout which outlined a diversion summary for CCSF. The summary consisted of existing program activities and planned/expanded programs in the area of recycling and resource conservation. Ms. Martinez was happy to state that the overall diversion percentage went up 30% in 5 years: 27.9% in 2001 to 57.9% in 2006. There was a question raised about outsiders coming into the campus to retrieve recyclable items, which takes away revenue from the college. Vice-Chancellor Goldstein answered that question, stating that according to Chancellor Day, “People shouldn’t bother poachers.”

Susan Lopez, from the Office of Planning, distributed a Sustainability Survey for spring 2007. Ms Lopez mentioned that one must be appointed to the committee in order to be a voting member. A person can be appointed by the Associated Student Council, the Union, or the Academic Senate. The survey consisted of what employees do to preserve the environment. The 123 responses provided a great deal of information. Participants of the survey talked about how they used sustainability and how it was incorporated in the curriculum. Most of the responses included recycling (and the awareness thereof), participating in Earth Day, and using City Car Share. The Sustainability Plan includes courses and programs at CCSF as well as staff development in this area.

Board Trustee John Rizzo, who was also a participant at the meeting, talked about co-authoring a Sustainability Plan with Trustee Marks. He also lobbied for the support on banning bottled water, claiming that most plastic bottles don’t get recycled. They get sent to landfills, which is terrible for the environment. Trustee Rizzo also mentioned the privatization of water, that corporate entities are taking control of our water supply.

Finally, students representing the Urban Sustainability Alliance had a chance to discuss their club’s mission at the Ocean Campus. Dr. Hunnicutt spoke on behalf of the Southeast Campus Environmental Club and the strides they are taking towards ecology and mentoring youth in the Y.E.S summer program.

Dr. Hunnicutt announced the date of the next sub-committee meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at the Ocean Campus. The meeting place for the remaining meetings has tentatively been set for Bungalow 704. With no further business, Dr. Hunnicutt closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
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