

To: Cal Poly Academic Senate
From: Neal MacDougall
Chair, Academic Senate Sustainability Committee
Re: Fall Quarter 2010 Progress Report
Date: January 2, 2011

The Committee met seven times during Fall quarter. In addition, there were conversations and meetings amongst the committee members as well as with other stakeholders. The 2010-2011 work plan was developed in consultation with the Chair of the Academic Senate and agenda items for meetings were generated consistent with the work plan. Most committee members were actively involved with the committee's activities. Agendas and minutes of committee meetings are available through the Blackboard site for the committee and are also available upon request. What follows is a basic summary of the committee's work during the fall quarter of this 2010-2011 academic year.

Key Tasks Identified

1. Determination of SUSCAT Criteria
2. Design of Carbon/Ecological Footprint Resolution
3. Write-up of Committee Procedures

Progress on Key Tasks During Fall Quarter 2011

1. Determination of SUSCAT Criteria
 - Braun identified as subcommittee chair
 - Ongoing discussions of number of criteria to be included etc., which led to the decision to focus on a course having to identify a minimum of two of the four Cal Poly Sustainability Learning Objectives (SLOs).
 - Current work is focusing on interfacing with the Academic Senate's Curriculum Committee to identify areas of overlap with regards to the determination of the appropriate "gatekeepers" of SUSCAT and what, in particular, should be involved in determining incorporation into SUSCAT.
 - Student representatives are planning on doing a survey of students to determine how SUSCAT is more likely to be used by students.
2. Design of Carbon Ecological Footprint Resolution
 - Kate Lancaster identified as subcommittee chair
 - Issues identified as possible candidates for inclusion in the resolution.
 - Facilities and students are to be a key part of the work going into the basic costing behind the resolution
3. Write-up of Committee Procedures
 - Neal MacDougall identified as subcommittee chair

- Identification of Faculty Affairs Committee's procedures as an appropriate guide for design of the procedures for the Sustainability Committee

Other Tasks of Note for Fall Quarter 2010

- At the request of Margot McDonald, an "Of Counsel" member of the committee but also a member of Cal Poly's advisory committee to the CSU trustees for the selection of a new Cal Poly President, the committee discussed the second round of candidates and provided comments to Margot. [Note: Members in attendance agreed that the results of the discussions were not to be viewed as representing the official view of the committee.]
- The editor of the 2011-13 Cal Poly Catalog requested that the Committee Chair provide an updated version of the "Sustainability Practices" section of the catalog. The chair contacted members of the committee and others on campus involved in sustainability for suggestions. The updated version was submitted to the editor and accepted by her. The initial and final version of the Sustainability Practices can be found at the end of the committee minutes which are attached to this report.

Note: Other issues were addressed in meetings but were not developed to any particular degree. They can be found by reading the minutes.