

SUSTAINABILITY FORUMS

Co-Chairs: Resham Shirsat and Carrie-Lynn Black

West Campus 14-100A, Wednesday February 13th, 2019 @ 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attendees: Nathan Baker, Jose Fernandez, Karen Murray, Andy Ray, Paul Rooney, Shadia Thomas, James Vrhovac.

East Campus 1-216B, Tuesday February 19th, 2019 @ 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attendees: Jim Adamski, Loren Bender, George Brooks, Roger Corriveau, Karen Cowden, Boris Feijoo, Lisa Macon, Nathalie Miller, Sal Navarro, Cindy Oakley, Art Rivera, Tim Shattuck, Sylvana Vester, Richard Weinsier, Ashley Zehel. 5 Valencia Environmental Science Association (VESA) students, including Co-Presidents Maria and Isabelle.

Osceola Campus 1-219B, Wednesday February 20th, 2019 @ 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attendees: Shaun Andrews, Loren Bender, Marty Campbell, Jonathan Hernandez, Natalie Yrisarry.

Combined Meeting Minutes

1) Education for Sustainability Update (Resham Shirsat)

a. Upcoming Workshops and Courses:

- i. 2/22-3/1: 2/15 – Faculty Development 5 hour PD sustainability intro hybrid course
 - IKEA F2F site visit March 1st 9-11am
 - Sustainability EfS testimonial video
- ii. Learning Day: Green Your Routine, 10:15-11:15 am
- iii. 3/5: Skillshop: Careers with Purpose, East 5-112 @230-330 pm
- iv. 4/2 - Skillshop: Careers with Purpose, Osceola 2-172 @11am -12 pm
- v. 4/9 - Skillshop: Careers with Purpose, West 11-106 @1-2pm
- vi. 4/10 - Skillshop: Green Your Routine, West 6-202 @1-2pm
- 2/18 - *Assessing Sustainability Outcomes in Your Courses* (The Community College Conference on Learning Assessment conference) presentation with Lisa Macon
- [Reorganization of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs](#)
 - Transitioning of work; May 3rd
 - Sustainability Faculty Fellow; faculty feedback Feb 14th and 21st

2) Sustainable Operations (Carrie-Lynn Black)

- a. Presentation attached.
- b. Waste & Recycling-
 - i. Update-Batteries & Plastic Writing Instruments Recycling Program- NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS needed!
 - ii. Blue bags in recycling bins- Implemented
 - iii. Hand Dryers Project
 - i. Discussion was had concerning locations of hand dryers (restrooms only), hygiene, and noise levels. Mayo Clinic research report findings were shared that didn't find a statistical difference among four hand drying techniques (paper towels, hand dryers, rotating cloth towel, and air drying).
 - a. Noise Levels- We are looking at the quietest ones on the market, getting demos to do our own sample noise testing and testing them around campus to ensure they will not disturb classrooms and faculty offices.
 - b. Concerns were raised about spills. In the restrooms, a phone number will be posted to call if the restroom needs attention. Also, paper towels will be strategically placed to be used in case of spills.
- c. Energy
 - i. College temperature set points: 68-74°F
- d. Transportation
 - i. Transportation Priorities- Carpooling at Downtown and getting data
 - ii. PawPass App- Now available
 - iii. Electric Vehicle Charging Guidelines
 - 1. EV Driver Meeting held at East Campus.
 - 2. Creating a College-Wide Guideline and exploring new installation locations
 - 3. EV Ride & Drive event- Tentatively at WEC, Sat. April 13th, 10am-1pm
 - iv. WEC: Multi-purpose path and bus stop relocation update
- e. Grounds
 - i. TCUSA recognition received for 2018!
 - a. Need students to participate on the committee
 - ii. Landscape Master Plan- Conducting first one at Osceola.
 - a. Follow-up from Fall Sustainability Forum- Three faculty members added to the planning meetings.
- f. Miscellaneous Follow-Up Items
 - i. Learning Day Presentation at OSC: Go Green to Save Green

3) Open Floor to Participants

- a. Communication-
 - i. Advertising events or initiatives- At East Campus, best locations are on Valencia's Events website, emails, flyers in the library, cafeteria, bldg. 8.
 - ii. Need for marketing the battery and plastic writing utensil program more- Recommendation to visit Deans' Meetings and share about this and other sustainability initiatives.
- b. Clarification around reorganization of Academic Affairs and Director of Education for Sustainability position
- c. Ideas for New Initiatives
 - i. Strategic Sustainability Plan- Developing a strategic sustainability plan that influences the initiatives that the College pursues.
 - ii. Polystyrene (Styrofoam) use on campuses- Exploring ways to reduce or ban it.
 1. Clubs and Student Development tend to be the groups that buy products for events. These groups would be the best to partner with to explore this.
 - iii. Chalk Boards. What would it look like for us to go back to chalkboards? There is less waste and less expensive by using chalk instead of dry-erase markers.
 - iv. Revisiting Lighting upgrade in WEC bldg. 5. Difficulty with dimming.
 - v. Online Syllabi- A topic that could be brought up to Faculty Council regarding not requiring printing syllabi for students, which are now many pages due to some standard required pages.