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Environmental Action Committee

Minutes

December 4, 2025
9:30am-10:30am

Zoom Meeting
https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/82383821011

Present: Klaus Christiansen, Sadika Sulaiman Hara, Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Windee Cottle, Sonya Suzuki, Hassiel Enrique Amador**,** Tealy Gapinski, Rion Smith, Revathi V. Machan, Tessa Loegering

Review Minutes – Minutes approved
Review Agenda – Agenda approved

Introduction Dr. Jonathan Eldridge

- **Environmental Impact Mitigation Plan**
  - Dr. Eldridge outlined the committee's charge to develop an Environmental Impact Mitigation Plan, using the college's baseline inventory data to inform strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, waste, and other environmental impacts.
  - The committee's focus should be on creating a draft plan with clear timelines and priorities. This plan will serve as a framework for future decisions and resource allocation, ultimately guiding the college toward its goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.
  - The updated environmental responsibility policy would be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval later in the month.

Strategic Plan Development

- **New EV Chargers**
  - Klaus and Revathi are working on installing new EV chargers for public use both campuses and EV chargers at the M&O Thompson Corp Yard, for the new fleet of electric vans.
  - Fernando suggested exploring the possibility of developing a solar-powered vehicle as part of the college's EV transition initiative, potentially involving students and faculty in the auto mechanics program.
- **Recycling Bins**
  - Revathi's project to update recycling and trash receptacles is set to begin in March, with a 12-week lead time for materials.
- **EV for M&O fleet**
  - Revathi is working with Novato Chevrolet on leasing new electric vans for the maintenance fleet.
- **Chair Nominees**

  - Klaus was nominated and confirmed as chair of the committee.
- **Open Discusssion**
  - The Environmental Action Committee discussed plans for campus sustainability initiatives, including the development of a comprehensive environmental plan.
  - The group agreed to use the Teams channel to share documents related to facilities and environmental projects, with the EAC members.
  - Students Hassiel and Sonya were introduced and welcomed to the committee.
  - The committee discussed the need for a holistic plan that incorporates existing initiatives and sets long-term goals.
  - They agreed to schedule an in-person campus tour in the spring to gather perspectives on environmental improvements.
  - The committee also discussed the possibility of adding photographs and highlighting achievements on the EAC webpage.

Action Items

- Form subcommittees to meet more frequently for drafting the Environmental Impact Mitigation Plan.
- Klaus: Oversee installation of EV chargers at the M&O Thompson Corp Yard for the new EV fleet.
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- Sadika: Continue development and rollout of student-made educational signs for recycling and waste bins, with rollout and education campaign to begin Spring 2026.
- Tessa: Send out a Doodle poll to schedule an in-person campus tour of Kentfield and IVC with the EAC members.
- All of the committee members will begin compiling and centralizing relevant documents (landscape plans, baseline data, previous achievements) in the EAC Teams channel for committee access.
- Committee: Develop a process to highlight and communicate recent achievements (water reduction, composting, etc.) on the EAC committee web page and the EAC Teams channel.
- Tessa: Inquire with Repro Graphics about the possibility of adding photographs or branding to the committee web page