COLLEGE OF MARIN

Environmental Action Committee

Minutes

February 5, 2026, 9:30am – 10:30am

Zoom Meeting
https://marin-edu.zoom.us/j/81545458212

TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	TIME	CATEGORY:
1. Agenda/Minutes	Review agenda and 12/04/25 meeting minutes	5 min	Action
2. EV Chargers	EV Charger installation update	5 min	Action
3. Recycling Update	Recycling Bin rollout update	5 min	Action
4. Environmental Impact Mitigation Plan	Subcommittees	40 min	Discussion
5. Closing		5 min	Action

Managers: Klaus Christiansen (chair) Sadika Sulaiman Hara	**Students (ASCOM):** Hassiel Amador Sonja Suzuki Luca Magalhaes	**Faculty:** Fernando Agudelo-Silva Vacant
Resources: Revathi V. Machan	**Classified:** Tealy Gapinski Rion Smith	**Staff Support:** Tessa Loegering

Present: Klaus Christiansen, Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Sonya Suzuki, Tealy Gapinski, Rion Smith, Revathi V. Machan, Tessa Loegering

Absent: Sadika Sulaiman Hara, Hassiel Enrique Amador, Luca Magalhaes

Agenda and Minutes

Minutes approved:

Agenda approved:

EV Charger installation update

Klaus reported that the EV charging installation at the M&O Thompson Corp Yard is complete, with 6 chargers for the M&O electric fleet transition. Revathi announced the replacement of the first 10 EV chargers in lot 12 on February 19-20, with Blink chargers replacing Charge Point.

Recycling Bin rollout update

Revathi explained the new four-bin system for compost, landfill, recycling, and cans/bottles. Sadika shared positive feedback on the signage, and Revathi committed to providing electronic versions of the signage for display on campus TVs. The conversation ended with updates on student involvement in sustainability efforts, including Fernando's class creating posters and a new Environmental Action Senator position being created for fall 2026

Composting and Environmental Initiatives

The committee discussed composting initiatives at the Jonas Center, IVC. Fernando has been collecting coffee grounds from the Pink Owl and managing them near the greenhouse with support from Jeffrey, the new dean. Klaus agreed to explore having custodians handle the composting and will add a newsletter blurb about the program, while Fernando will provide promotional photos to Klaus and Tessa.

Environmental Impact Mitigation Plan - subcommittees

The committee debated how to structure subcommittees for their environmental impact mitigation plan, with Tealy suggesting dividing into biological/physical environmental impact and electrical/building impact areas, and Sonya offering to incorporate social/cultural impacts into the learning landscape kiosks project. The committee will review the Brailsford and Dunleavy analysis before deciding on their final subcommittee structure.

Next steps

- Sadika: Reach out to Maria Colson to see if another faculty member can be assigned to the committee.
- Fernando: Send information and pictures about the coffee grounds composting project to Klaus (and copy Tessa), including details for potential newsletter and signage use.
- Sadika: Put information about the coffee grounds composting project on campus TVs once details are received from Fernando.
- Revathi: Send electronic versions of waste station signage/graphics (in JPEG format, PowerPoint slide size, accessible) to Sadika for rotation on campus TVs.
- Klaus: Talk with Enzo about the possibility of custodians taking over regular collection of coffee grounds for composting.
- Tessa: Check for and upload the Brailsford & Dunleavy analysis to the EAC Teams channel for committee review before the next meeting.
- All committee members: Review the Brailsford & Dunleavy analysis before the next meeting to inform discussion on possible subcommittees or focus areas.
- Sonya: Serve as steward to integrate environmental/cultural impact information from this committee into the Learning Landscape kiosk project with Lauren Servais.
- Tealy: Restart conversation with Lindsey regarding the compost bin for the Jonas Center and follow up on purchasing the bin and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for compost transport.
- Revathi: Follow up on the email thread regarding the compost bin for the Jonas Center to ensure the purchase and process move forward.