



Desert Community College District

Sustainability Council

Minutes for Tuesday, September 17, 2019

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, Cravens Student Services Center

Attendees:

Students: Aaron Pedilla, Meeyan Thomas, Sophia Beltolanda, Joshua Duran, Natalee Ferrin, Alex Quintero, Stephanie Huentel, Christian Cardoza, Anamarina Avine, Nick Enciso, Jared Camba, Olivia Camba, Olivia Hall, Ann Carrick Gonzales, Yazzmine De Leon, Yasuko Smith, Mayra Alcaraz-Lopez, Christina Schneider (Co-Chair & President of Ecologic Club), Jocelyn Diaz, Manuel Arce, Zane Liston, Isabel Olea, Angel Moran,

Faculty/Staff: Kurt Leuschner (Faculty), Linda Costagliola (Staff), Mike Hadley (Staff)

1. Student Report

1.1 Student Co-Chair: Christina Schneider, Student Co-Chair, reported on the items listed under 1.2.

1.2 Ecologic Club Update

- a. Recycling Bins: The recycling bins are being donated by the City, several Recycling Bins are currently being painted by the Art Club. One Recycling Bin is nearly complete. The Bin shown in the meeting had a depiction of an unhealthy Salton Sea on one side and a healthy Salton Sea on the other side.
- b. Officers needed: The Secretary position for the Ecologic Club is vacant. If anyone is interested in this position, speak with the Club President, Christina Schneider after the meeting or contact her by email at ecologicroadrunners@gmail.com.

- c. Stickers/Reusable Utensils: Stickers are available to help support the Ecologic Club for one dollar each.
- d. Hikes and Events with Friends of the Desert: Hikes are being planned with Friends of the Desert, with the first hike on October 19th, at Carrizo Canyon. More hikes to be announced in the future.
- e. Biological Monitoring with Ryan Llamas: On November 9th, a trip to the Salton Sea with Ryan Llamas, where we will be doing biological monitoring of the water and the impacts it has on the local organisms.
- f. Apps to download: Download these apps to help becoming more eco friendly, *better world & Eco*.
- g. Volunteer Fair: Hosted by the Biology, Chemistry, and Geology Club, the event will be held on one of the following days: October 24th, November 7th, and November 14th
- h. Other Announcements:
 - A small quick vote was announced for Eco club clothing, with shirts winning. Plans to do an activity for Earth Day, April 22nd, is being planned, if any good ideas come up, notify the Student Co-Chairs.
 - National Public Lands Day is another day that is possible to plan an activity, which is Saturday, September 28.
 - Planting Trees is currently being planned as a future event, currently unknown when it will be held.
 - Plans on working with Beeps Café to offer biodegradable utensils or one-time purchase utensils to carry with, or both products. Currently being discussed.

2. Faculty Report

- 2.1 Salton Sea Youth Workshop | October 18, 2019 | 1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. | UC Riverside Palm Desert Campus, 75080 Frank Sinatra Drive., Palm Desert: For more information go to <https://www.saltonseasummit.org>
- 2.2 Climate Change by Dr. Cameron Barrows: Dr. Cameron Barrows was the special guest today and he talked about the many evidence we have to support Climate Change. Barrows showed us slides on how impactful we

have been on adding CO₂ to our ecosystem. The last slide was about how we can improve our ecosystem by supporting affordable roof solar, sustainable landscapes – reduce imported water footprints, support open space – parks and wildlife habitat, plant more (native) trees in areas – more shade = cooler temperatures, eliminate lawns, landscape with native plants, landscape including food plants, control invasive plants (tamarisk, fountain grass, etc) that degrade wildlife values in potential climate refugia, and rob water from native species, support reduce carbon energy and much more.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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