

**Sustainability Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 13, 2025 (every 1st Thursday of the Month) **Time:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Location:** SAB-211

**ZOOM**: <https://4cd.zoom.us/j/83996776598>

**Meeting ID**: 839 9677 6598 **Passcode:** 894025

| **Voting Members** |
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| **Chairperson**: Robert Bagany (Acting Chair)  **Managers**: Tracy Marcial, 1 Vacant  **Faculty**: Joy Eichnerlynch, Vanna Gonzales, Dionne Perez, Bansal Gurtej, Natasha Lockett, Taliha Pasaoglu, Beth Goering  **Classified**: Tadaletch (Tady) Yoseph, Jose Carlos Martin, Courtney Carson  **Students**: Emily Au, 1 Vacant |

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| **Non-Voting Members** |
| **Managers:** |

Present: Robert Bagany, Damon Cheng

Zoom: Maya Jenkins, Tracy Marcial, Natasha Lockett, Courtney Carson, Katherine Chen, Taliha Pasaoglu, Christian Benetiz, Peter Olsen, Edward Kang

Called to order at 8:00 a.m.

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| **Item** | **Outcome/Decisions** | **Action Items** |
| 1. **Call to Order** |  | N/A |
| 1. **Welcome and Introductions** | Introduced new Custodial Manager, Christian Benetiz. Chris shared his experience in sustainability, having worked for the San Francisco Unified School District for 9.5 years as a facilities custodial manager. He highlighted his involvement in various sustainability programs, including working with Recology and Sunset Scavenger to reduce diversion rates and achieve zero emissions. He also mentioned his involvement in the Giant Sweep Initiative, which aimed to bring the community together for cleaning efforts. | N/A |
| 1. **Announcements** | Robert proposed moving the committee meetings to an afternoon hour, specifically 1 pm, and suggested that the new custodian manager, Chris Benitez, should take over the committee |  |
| 1. **Action Items:**  * **Earth Week Event Planning** * **Repair Workshop** | **Earth Week -** Robert proposed to organize an Earth Day event (April 24) , with the help of recycle more and Republic services. Katherine agreed to brainstorm ideas for the event and suggested reaching out to local community organizations related to environmental issues. Christian offered to invite community leaders he had worked with in the past. Robert also mentioned the possibility of setting up an ASU Green Thread Exchange during the event.  Robert also mentioned the possibility of setting up booths for sustainable organizations on April 20th, which would be a separate event. Tracy suggested combining the two events, which Robert agreed to. Pete from White Pony Express expressed interest in participating in the event.  **Workshop -** Robert also mentioned a repair workshop event on March 20th, which he had previously shared with the science and engineering departments | Informational/Discussion |
| 1. **ASU Sustainability Committee –** | No update. | Informational/Discussion |
| 1. **Discussion Items** | 1. **Sustainability projects in Culinary Dept**. – Food Recovery Plan. SB1383 - Pete Olen explained that they are aiming to make the college compliant with SB 1383, which requires commercial food facilities to donate their surplus food to a food recovery organization like White Pony Express. 2. **District Sustainability Goals** – Katherine Chen shared updates about default veg internships and changes in 511 Contra Costa's incentives, including the tri-transit promotion and the big win on transit. | Informational/Discussion |
| **Adjournment –** | Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Next meeting is Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 8:00 am. | Meeting Adjourned |