

**Santa Monica College**  
**Academic Senate Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**Minutes – 11/17/11**

**Attendance**

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| ✓ Eric Oifer        | ✓ Amber Katherine |
| ✓ Genevieve Bertone | ✓ Dana Morgan     |
| ✓ Stuart Colley     | ✓ Alex Schwartz   |
| ✓ Jeff Gehring      | ✓ Alex Tower      |

**I. Announcements**

- A. Earth week
  - 1. The format of the Earth Week Ecohero Awards was discussed.
  - 2. Student groups will nominate and elect a student, EAC will nominate and vote on faculty, staff, or admin. Both votes will be finalized through the CEUS.
- B. PDC Survey
  - 1. Eric suggested several questions for consideration
- C. Discussion about current Occupy protests and general political theory. Can the Occupy movement be summarized by the move to get private financing out of public government.

**II. STARS**

- A. Review of categories in the curriculum section of STARS
  - 1. ER5: Already complete (defining sustainability related and focused)
  - 2. ER6: Need IR support (Hannah Alford)
  - 3. ER&: Need IR support (Hannah Alford)
    - a. Additionally, we need to develop a survey so that we can capture at the section level.
    - b. Sustainability related is defined by
      - i. In degree or
      - ii. Maps to ILO 4 or
      - iii. Meets criteria on ILO survey
        - A) Future agenda item/ incentivize taking the survey
  - 4. ER8: Departments, Need IR support (Hannah Alford)
  - 5. ER9: Problematic because of number of graduates
  - 6. ER10: Discussion regarding the creation of an intro to sustainability class 1 program of study
    - a) Include Capstone / Practicum and then we would be only one class away from a core certificate program in sustainability
  - 7. ER11: N/A
  - 8. ER12: Immersive Class (2 pts)
    - a. Must be a semester long
    - b. Must be outside of classroom
    - c. GB interested in developing practicum course
      - i. potentially include in Public Policy Institute
      - ii. Need faculty sponsorship
      - iii. UC/CSU system pattern articulation
      - iv. Facilitate through IDS
        - a) Explore the relationship w/ CEUS (Both would benefit)
        - b) Program review? With academic panel

**III. Global Citizenship AA degree requirement standard**

- a. Tabled for next meeting

**IV. Garden Field Studies Class**

- a. Tabled for next meeting (priority agenda item)

**V. Optional/section-level SLOs (re: sustainability related and focused courses)?**

- a. Tabled for next meeting

**VI. Discussion about this semester's remaining agenda items:**

- a. Garden field studies
- b. Survey for identifying sustainability related courses