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# COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, February 28th, 2:00-4:00pm via Zoom

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## APPROVED MINUTES

**Members Present:** Abinash Bhattachan, Jason Daniels, Tyler Evans, Michael Hall, Erick Kong, Sharon Radcliff, Paul Wingco
**Guests:** Sanju, Mark Robinson
**Members Absent:** Joshua Gay, Sara McDaniel, T. T. Rajan Selvarajan

Short Version: Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Land Acknowledgment for Cal State University East Bay Hayward 2-4-20…

1. Approval of the agenda
    a. Approved
2. Approval of the February 14th minutes
    a. Approved
3. **Reports:**

Report of the Chair/SULO

Sharon Radcliff: Committee will be review Sustainability Overlay courses (see below); no other report

Report from Director of Sustainability

Paul Wingco: Second round of recruitment Director of Sustainability after initial failed search; several candidates uninterested in the position due to non-competitive salaries offered by CSUEB; AASHE (Association Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education) for Stars Rating Report; encouraging committee member to sign up for various opportunities (https://www.aashe.org/); CSUEB Stars Report available for download; committee will need to participate in next assessment (particularly in academics); Previous report CSUEB received "Bronze Rating"; Sharon Radcliff: rating should increase significantly as a result of new courses in sustainability, with sustainability overlay and the completion of the sustainability minor; Paul Wingco: Q: how might we divide the work for new report; Jason Daniels: Q: what is the due date; Paul Wingco: A: complete tentative date before beginning of Fall 2022; Sharon Radcliff: this committee should focus on the academic section of report; Paul Wingco: information may be in CSUEB databases (curriculog); committee should access manual: (https://stars.aashe.org/resources-support/technical-manual/); Micheal Hall: request for materials for graphic design students; Paul Wingco: shared document with student jobs in the Office of Sustainability;

Report from Senate Representative

Sharon Radcliff/Jason Daniels: No Report

4. **Business:**

**a.** Creating a new housing related resolution: the chair has followed up on the Senate Chair's suggestion but it is tabled. (Should this be addressed in Fall, considering our other priorities?)

Sharon Radcliff: table this issue until Fall

b. The following is the list of GE courses that have recently been approved for Sustainability by the GEOC Subcommittee and that should be reviewed by the Sustainability Committee for inclusion in the GE Minor in Sustainability (GEM-S) for 2022-23.

Q - Abinash Bhattachan: Can we offer suggestions?

1. PHYS 109 (B1, B3) Exploring Physics in the Outdoors
    1. Move to approve: Micheal Hall
    2. Second: Jason Daniels
    3. Vote:Unanimous
2. PHIL 335 (UD-C) Philosophy of Science
    1. Move to approve: Michael Hall
    2. Second: Paul Wingco
    3. Vote: Unanimous
        a. Comment - Committee at Large: Overlay Outcomes do not included measurable assessments and may include more specific details regarding learning outcomes
3. GEOG 330 (UD-D) Historical Geography of North America
    1. Move to approve: Jason Daniels
    2. Second: Michael Hall
    3. Vote: Unanimous
4. GEOG 350 (UD-D) Geography of California
    1. Move to approve: Michael Hall
    2. Second: Jason Daniels
    3. Vote: Unanimous
        a. Comment - Abinash Bhattachan: I would suggest to include readings from the CA Climate Assessment.
5. GEOG 351(UD-D) United States and Canada
    1. Move to approve: Jason Daniels
    2. Second: Michael Hall
    3. Vote: Unanimous

We need to approve these for the Sustainability Minor; We will access Curriculog and view these courses and see if they meet the criteria for the minor

5. **Discussion:**

a. Update on April Earth Week Planning

Panel to look at faculty already leading in this area and tying it into their coursework - building panels around research, teaching, sustainability overlays, and sustainability minor.

**Update on Panel**: Planning doc for panel

General Discussion of planning document (see link above)

Abinash Bhattachan: previous lecturer interested cannot commit; will try to reach out to other faculty members; Michal Hall: will reach out to Ryan Heryford ;Sharon Below: Prof. Below hoped someone would be interested in another faculty member presenting pedagogy; ask to commit quickly and to provide information for the panel (title and description)

b. Does CS want to support Call for Universal Design for Living and Working

Sharon Radcliff: presented this letter to bring to attention of committee; left open for individuals to sign; no official action taken

c. Library Libguide/exhibits featuring sustainability & climate/environmental justice resources and students work if possible from course with overlay or sustainability theme; also advertise sustainability minor. (planning underway, no update).

Sharon Radcliff: Here is a doc to plan a resource guide for students. Also there will be a small exhibit in the Library for the sustainability minor.

e. Planning for Back to the Bay: Create a workshop on all the overlays and the course approval process for creating or adding a course with an overlay. Should we create a subcommittee to start working on this?

Sharon Radcliff: need to contact GEOC for contact information of faculty involved "social justice" and "diversity" overlays; Jason Daniels: idea for the presentation - to give an overview of overlays and some details regarding each of the overlays in relation to general education;

f. Gathering academic statistics on sustainability for csueb AASHE report. (still in process)

Courses from AASHE https://www.aashe.org/events-education/workshops-courses/

g. Update on FLC possibility

6. Adjournment
    a. Adjournment - 3.44