

Sustainability Working Group

Fall 2023 Meeting II

Thursday, December 7, 2023

2:30pm-3:30pm

<https://csuci.zoom.us/j/88434124113>

Present:

Roxane Beigel-Coryell, Kaitlyn Abarientos, Jose Castro-Sotomayor, Brendan Cline, Crista Fisher, Karly Ibrahim, Ali Naqvi, Dani Rae, Alexis Saint Germain, Nikita Sarmiento, Rachel Soper

Absent:

Tom Hunt, Aura Bryan, Alex Padilla, Laurie Nichols, Terry Tarr, Gabriel Najar, Alexa Palafox, Kiki Patsch

Review Group Norms/Expectations

Group agreed to maintain existing norms/expectations:

- Keep yourself muted when not speaking to reduce background noise
- Raise your hand to speak, unmute when it is your turn
- Turn your video on if you are comfortable
- This is a working group, some work may be required between meetings

STARS Report Presentation

Roxane Beigel-Coryell, Sustainability & Energy Director, provided an overview of CSUCI's latest STARS report. The report is linked in the agenda item heading. Key findings include:

- CSUCI is 8th highest rated CSU as of November 2023
- CI integrates sustainability evenly across all 4 categories assessed in STARS
- CSUCI performs better than other CSUs in Planning & Administration and Operations categories
- Most room for improvement in Food & Dining, Buildings, and Wellbeing & Work
- Last report earned 69.72% (Gold), 85% required to achieve Platinum rating

CI's Policy on Sustainable Practices

- The group reviewed proposed updates to the existing Policy on Sustainable Practices. Minor edits were made to emphasize climate resilience.
- The policy revisions will be presented to the President's Planning & Policy Council (PPPC) on February 19, 2024 for a first reading.

Other topics to discuss:

- Sustainability in the curriculum
 - Chico State is coordinating the [Teaching Climate Change & Resilience Faculty Learning Community Opportunity](#) open to the entire CSU. Sean and Stacey Anderson have stepped up as campus leads for CSUCI. CSUCI faculty can apply to participate by December 15th.

- Confetti alternatives campaign
 - Confetti use is an ongoing problem on campus, particularly pervasive during graduation season.
 - The sustainability office will put out some content to encourage alternative options.
 - Other ideas are welcome to help shift this practice.
- Other announcements or upcoming events
 - No other announcements
- Other issues/projects for SWG to work on
 - No new issues/projects raised