



Rachel Carson College Council

Minutes (2/28/22)

Rachel Carson Red Room, 9PM

or

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9:00 PM: Michael Yamauchi-Gleason (Senior Director of West Side)

Questions:

- Can we put more washing machines in apartment 6 (continuing student apartment)
 - 4 currently of each, one dryer is broken
 - Owned and run by a private company, needs to be reported
 - **Mike will look into this**
- More lighting on Oakes path, has been discussed before
 - Suggest there be another emergency phone on the end, and one in the middle
 - A few dark spots
 - New director for office of emergency services, seems very proactive
- More emergency phones on campus
 - One by Oakes circle is broken
- Could non-affiliated residents of the community they live in get stickers from the current community they live in?
 - Unfortunately no
- Could the pool room be open on the weekends?
 - Look into it, probably a staffing issue
 - CSOs?
- They feel like the RCC code course should be offering more topic on climate change, because students who did not take APES in high school may not have a good foundation of knowledge in the subject, and given the college theme
 - Talk to Sue Carter
- Could dining halls remove or reduce all beef from dining halls
 - Unpopular among other students



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- Owl's Nest will be a vegetarian only option when it opens
 - May be able to reduce meat options
- ENVS majors focus on waste and recycling, compost system, college gardens?
 - Kresge used to have a good compost system
 - DH have trouble finding where to put the large volumes of food waste
 - Silas
- CRSN 151A - taking recyclables to nearby centers
 - We can't do this with campus trash
- EV chargers: TAPS said it would be a several years long process
 - What does this mean?
 - Talked to Dan Henderson, said it would be long-range process, costs a lot of money, definitely in the future
- Bus transportation
 - No way to track loop buses—> unpredictable
 - Tracking app?
 - Pass question on to Danny
 - Consistency on Fri and Sat evening
 - Expanding shuttle service to 3 instead of 2 buses
- Tour schedule: spring tour schedule
 - Buses designated for visitors, makes transportation more difficult
 - Mike doesn't know but can ask
- Signage on waste bins is inconsistent
 - High contamination rates
 - Why continue as we are?
 - Potential solutions?
 - Compartmentalization
 - UCSC tried to do single-stream
 - Students don't care
 - New SUA/UCSC Prez/Sust. Office video coming out for new freshman
 - Students are unaware that all recyclables go to the trash, make this more transparent
- ResWiFi forces you to sign in every few days, and is unreliable
 - Put warning in place when the pop-up comes up to download new software
 - Mass email IT to complain and make them do something
 - Submit and IT ticket
 - ResWiFi has stopped connecting to students phones



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- RCC and school is not quite set up to continue online and hybrid classes (in-person, hybrid, or remote learning is up to the professor at this point)
 - Few locations on campus to have your Zoom classes
 - At home is not a conducive environment for learning
 - Designate spaces for Zoom classes
 - Single-occupancy study spaces are needed
 - West-side college or RCC needs to develop a study/learning space
 - Red Room maybe?
 - Needs to be advertised more as a social study space
 - Empty classrooms on campus that can be used as study spaces? Need to be designated as such, emphasize that it changes to a study space at different points
 - Dean of students office
- Slug meals and flexi dollar meal plans can't order ahead of time
 - Can't be used to pre-order at Oakes Cafe
 - Slug meals are designed only for the dining halls
- Has dog, support animal, difficult for people without cars to get their dog to go on playdates with other dogs
 - Dog park on campus?
 - ESA pets can't be off leash or 1pm feet from residence
 - Difficult to exercise their animals
 - Council could pass a resolution on this to share with upper level folks
 - Little bandwidth to entertain this prospect, but a resolution could help
 - Requires a lot of responsibility on the owners and university
 - Furry Friends Weds March 16th, 1-2pm
- Mental health support services are lacking
 - 4 therapy sessions per year, which is not helpful at all
 - 2 years of covid has exacerbated many students mental health struggles, especially with isolation
 - At the beginning of the year, there were month long wait times for DRC accommodations
 - Way to expedite this?
 - Staffing issue
 - RCC has no CRE



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- Many other offices are very low, trying to staff up ASAP
- Staffing is difficult, expensive to live in SC
- Mental health equity fund has been expanded
 - For counselors and wellness programs, student organizations, peer help
 - Could see these at the beginning of next year
 - Emergency response program
 - Police were the only ones who could respond to mental health crises
 - Mental health response team: social worker, nurse would be better and make students feel more comfortable
 - No hospital attached to UCSC makes it harder
- Crosswalk at bus stop is dimly lit, could be dangerous
 - Will look into it
 - Flashing yellow lights
- Soft serve machine at porter is broken, needs to be fixed
 - Talk to the manager, comment cards
 - RCC dining hall does not have a panini press
- Improving bike racks at RCC
 - Has to walk down to Oakes circle, too far away, lots of bike theft
 - More bike racks nearer to apartments
 - There is one behind the apartments, put them into open space
 - E-bike contract, will set up charging stations for e-bikes

9:55 PM: Adjournment

SUA:

Asking SUA to support BBB bill, advocate for more money to housing and rental assistance (Dreamers), endorse HR 5736, reach out to chancellor for support

SOFA presented recommendations, didn't have the money to fund everyone, advertise Councils and Senates as places where they can also seek funding

For Reference: [RCC Council Constitution](#)



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