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MINUTES: ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2008

In attendance: Bea Briggs, Mike Johnson (Public Safety), Steve Lincoln, Jenny Quintana, Amy Raymond, Bob, Schulz

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 9:05 a.m. by Jenny Quintana.

II. Old Business:

A. Vehicle Control on Campus Senate Resolution – Update

Jenny Quintana asked if the committee was ready to resubmit the Vehicle Control on Campus Resolution to the Senate. The Senate Executive Committee returned the resolution to the committee to consider the possible impact of the Enviro Business Society’s Alternative Transportation Proposal on the resolution. The committee determined that the two resolutions are separate and distinct and that the committee resolution should go forward as written. Because the time until the end of school is short, it may be best to submit it directly to the Senate since the Senate Executive Committee has already reviewed it.

Bea Briggs noted that the vehicle restriction will have a major impact on the library in terms of donors and deliveries. There are other issues for the campus including trash pickups, Instructional Technology Service equipment pickup and return and general campus business (Business Services, Environmental Health and Safety, Physical Plant, TNS). Many campus departments are moving to smaller, energy efficient vehicles (electric carts) and scheduling functions for non-peak hours. Bob Schulz reported that there are also issues with ADA access and some disabled parking spaces and drop-off locations will be added.

B. Enviro Business Society Alternative (Bicycle) Transportation Proposal – Follow up discussion to presentation at last meeting

The committee received a draft resolution written by the Enviro Business Society co-presidents. Jenny Quintana said that Amanda Costa who presented the proposal at our last meeting had the impression that our committee was submitting the resolution to the Senate but that was not the sense of the committee. If the committee decides to support the alternative transportation proposal, there are two options:

1. Draft a committee resolution in support of the proposal, or
2. Refer the issue to the new Senate Sustainability Committee.

Discussion continued that alternative (bicycle) transportation certainly has an element of sustainability (energy savings) but there is also a safety and environmental aspect. Bob Schulz took some photos of Campanile Walk during the passing period between classes and it was packed with pedestrians. There is also the issue of fire lane maintenance. Special event bicycle policies that are
more restrictive than the everyday policy would be even more difficult to enforce. Once bikes are allowed on walkways, students would not differentiate between days/times when bikes are allowed and days/times when they are not. Mike Johnson added that Public Safety is not able to enforce all the current bike and skateboard policies consistently in addition to their other duties.

Steve Lincoln noted that there are many legal access points to the campus core via paved roadways where bicyclists can access most buildings on campus. He also noted that the bike racks that are available seem pretty full. Providing adequate bike racks at these access points might encourage students to bike to campus, then park their bikes and walk through the campus core. The student survey of the current bike racks available was pretty complete and he will get a copy to share with the committee. Publicizing the locations of bike racks on official campus maps might be helpful in encouraging biking to campus. It might also be possible to promote bicycling as a way of commuting on the campus website.

Bob Schulz has edited the Enviro Business Society resolution into a committee resolution in support of alternative transportation at San Diego State University but without the creation of a bike lane on Campanile Walk. Jenny Quintana will incorporate the edits as discussed into a final resolution and forward to the committee for review. Steve Lincoln moved to forward the amended resolution to the Senate Executive Committee. Bea Briggs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Smoke Free Campus – Other Campus No Smoking Group to attend future meeting

Jenny Quintana asked if Physical Plant had any data on the time custodial and grounds spend on cleaning smoking debris. Some beach communities have determined that the time spent is significant and many have initiated smoking bans. Steve Lincoln will research campus data that may be available.

Amy Raymond announced that Grossmont/Cuyamaca College District recently banned smoking from their campuses beginning January 2009. Steve Lincoln added that the San Diego Community College District has also banned smoking. They join the private colleges, Point Loma Nazarene and University of San Diego, as smoke free campuses.

D. Recycling – Ways to Increase Use of Recycled Paper

Amy Raymond will submit an article to the SDSUniverse encouraging use of recycled paper for the Earth Day edition.

III. New Business: Discussion of new business deferred to next meeting.

IV. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. in Engineering 203E.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.