

Notes from EAC meeting SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

1. Call to Order.

Participants:

Elizabeth Jordan, Ferris Kwar, Abigail Orosz (international education center), Flor Sandoval (childhood education and early childhood development), Sheila Laffrey, Felix Ma.

2. Public Comments.

Auditorium at John Adams being put up.

Construction in Liberal Arts, Letter and Science.

Webinars are widely available and online.

Cement shortage in California and neighboring states.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Ferris Kwar: Move to Approve May 28th minutes. Flor Sandoval seconds.

4. Racial Inequality n Campus in Terms of:

Sheila Laffey mentioned short films:

Love thy nature, Forrest kindergarten,

CURRENT GREEN SCREEN

<https://www.smc.edu/community/global-citizenship/events/green-screen-series.php>

Ferris: 6 ideas:

Endowment: Where we invest our money: \$26 million dollars in endowment, \$1.8 million funds fossil fuel companies. Gavin Newsome announced that by 2035, he is moving to stop sale of fossil fuel burning cars. Suggest to Lizzy Moore to reconsider endowment portfolio?

Calpers/CalSTRS: About 7% are in fossil fuels related companies. If companies have less than 50% of their "product" are fossil fuel based, CalSTRs are allowed to invest in those companies.

20 Year Master Plan: Currently, the plan is still committed to heating with natural gas. What is the carbon footprint of the new construction. Is there a way to refurbish buildings?

Utilities: We currently use about 45% of energy from renewable sources. Hiring of an energy manager could improve the % of energy use from renewable sources. College is still potentially facing \$13 Million of deficit. Could we reduce our energy usage by 30% while we work remotely?

Purchasing: We should replace vehicles with electric vehicles, while we do not plan to make immediate purchases, we still should have the discussion and consider electric vehicles. for future purchases.

Curriculum: Students need to learn about how their future career choices will affect their lives?

Sheila Laffey: SRI, Sustainable and Responsible Investing. Can we have a campaign of awareness for issues such as lighting?

Ferris Kavar: Wanted to add a note to A/V units or light switches. We could be doing more for understanding fans and A/C and how correct usage regulates room-climate control.

Sheila Laffey: Is there someone from city of Santa Monica that could help us with an energy audit?

Ferris Kavar: Meeting with the city to discuss more solar panels in the art building. Replacing gas Kilns to electric. In glass blowing, because of temperature required, we still need gas.

Trying to do an analysis to adjust the usage of electricity by Kilns and possibility to implement solar to mitigate the impact during peak rate energy usage/cost.

What should be our strategy? To approach upper management our approach directly the different departments.

Sheila: Uber moving 10 thousand vehicles to electric.

Sheila Shared from "Chat":

Can you join us for Stop Funding Tar Sands on Friday, October 2nd at 11-1230 PST / 2-330 EST for an Online Rally to hold the funders of tar sands accountable?

This is from STOP THE PIPELINE - a great group to connect with.

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/5939860862?pwd=YXkzMhJMbERLWEhUZWVhRlpLeXJ1Zz09>

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