

**College Environmental Advisory Group**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**



Attendance:

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We agreed to hold a special “brainstorming” meeting to address SMP implementation on Friday, July 10, from 10AM to 1PM. At the next CAEG meeting, June 9, we will plan an agenda for the meeting. The main purpose of this special meeting is to discuss how to organize another effort similar to the STARS internship data collection last fall. Funding is of course limited. Kristen suggested engaging Lee’s(sp?) mother to write a grant to fund this effort.

Kristen suggested we invite: Mike Brandy, Erin Cooke, Pres. Murphy, Joan Janecki assoc., and representatives from food services, ground maintenance, et. al. to this “brainstorming” session.

We agreed to use Bonnet’s SMP logo as the campus standard in new signage where want to draw attention to campus Sustainability.

Updates on the data collected during the SMP breakout sessions: (Julie please update the Notes document)

General:

Some participants wanted more information on how to recycle. Can Julie help to indentify contacts?

We need more signs to alert, educate and inform the community about our accomplishments.

Not everyone who participated in the SMP breakout sessions were present so here are notes from those who were there.

1) Energy and climate

Pete Woolhouse/ Erin Cooke

6 people attended this session. Pete discussed his experience in the STARS intern program.

The participants were all interested in our efforts and accomplishments at De Anza.

2) Landscaping – Joe Cook and Ralph Riddle

4 people attended this session – the notes seem to have disappeared... (Julie please update this area.)

Here is what Ralph recalled:

Joe explained the status and progress of landscaping at the college. In the beginning, 40 years ago, there was no thought of Sustainability regarding landscape plantings. Consequently, many inappropriate species were installed. Phase I remediation began prior to Joe’s arrival. Joe expanded remediation in phase II which is now in progress. Inappropriate plants are being replaced or relocated on the campus. An adaptive watering system is being implemented to

conserve water. Food waste is being composted. The participants were surprised that all this was happening. They recommended more signs or education for the community to appreciate the progress being made.

Diana discussed the effort to hire a new landscaping coordinator. She, Joe and several others interviewed and reviewed the work of several candidates on other sites at college campuses. One question the asked was how the applicant would educate the community on the effort we are undertaking. They decided to recommend Joan Janecki & assoc. They have done excellent work on many college campuses in the area.