Call to order 5:02 PM

Attendance:

Matthew Campa (EAB Liasion)

Diana Garcia

Miranda O’Brien

Gabe Van Praag

Eliva Cruz

Alexis Beatty

Jonathan Montes

Sandra Soria

Carlos Ruvalcaba

Lorenzo Castane

Cynthia Torres

Micheala Austin

Kathryn Foster

Sierra Andrade

Rachel Huang

Advisor: Sarah Siedschlag

Updates

Brainstorm for IV Earth Day Tabling (this Saturday!)

* first opportunity for EJA to present itself to the public
* What do we want to do at Earth Day?
  + Matt envisioning three posters – What is EJA, what we do, how you can get involved
  + 10-15 trivia questions to spin wheel and get a prize
    - Case studies, statistics
  + Sign up for email list
  + Having EPA definition of environmental justice and ask people why it’s not accurate; what’s your definition?
* Arrive at 12:30
* Diana, Sierra, Rachel tabling

Make an email list

Food Security Town Hall Reflection

* A chance for students to talk to admin and other students about food insecurity on campus and encourage conversation about potential food projects
* Lots of student discussion
* Ideas: Dining Co-op, Lobbying on the state level, Forming an A.S. Committee
* A lot of many food related programs that the majority of students don’t know about
  + How can EJA help publicize these resources?
    - Ask professors that we are in contact with to put it on their syllabi or mention it to students
      * Miranda will provide template email for this
    - Once EJA has more social media, we can highlight a specific on campus resource each week
    - Elivia’s camping trip related to food on May 11-12
* Micheala and Miranda would be happy to share resources
* Next event is a Food Fair (“Foodchella”)
  + Storke Lawn on May 15t (tentative)
  + Food security orgs all getting together, everyone who was invited to town hall
  + Open to EJA tabling
    - Highlight environmental justices that arise from food production
    - Where people can find sustainable and environmentally just food
    - Miranda will send the sign up form

Dinner with Bren Environmental Justice Club

* During usual EJA time?
* Good step to initiate discussion
* Currently presenting theses, so we will have to push it off
* Phoebe wanted to make this a HRB event
* Central theme is an introduction, where they’re coming from, what they’re working on
* Good to identify who is staying at Bren next year

Applications for EJA are officially out today

* Going out on ESmail, UCSB announcement
* Applications due Friday for chairs and May 1for all other positions
* After May 1, interviews will be scheduled

Diana and Sierra working on Op-ed for The Bottom Line

* About experiences of POC in ES
* Can be anonymous
* Want to turn it in by May
* Planning to interview people
* Limited to 500-700 words
* Open to all perspectives

STEP (Summer Transitional Education Program)

* Elvia wants to make an agenda to facilitate a meeting to speak to STEP participants
* Start forming a community with incoming students
* Related to video that Elvia talked about a few weeks ago
  + AS videographer can help
* Panel of professors, representatives?
* Next step is to reach out to STEP
* Finalize a team and figure out goals
* Need a concrete plan
* Elvia will put on Facebook page

mark! Lopez MCC Event

* This Wednesday
* Q&A at 12:30pm
* Event in MCC at 7pm
* Environmental justice activist from East LA, did lots of EJ work during his undergrad at UC Santa Cruz, wants to talk to undergrads from UCSB

Cynthia’s Library Waste Audit

* If you want to help let her know
* Need for compost bins in library

Talk to Micheala if you ever want to talk about food insecurity topics

Diana is trying to plan a movie screening

* “Gringo Tours”
* Good for before summer when people go on vacation
* Could do it at the UCen, Bren Seminar Room, Bico, MCC, Merton

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM