



# A.S. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE MINUTES

Associated Students

DATE: 4/13/2020

LOCATION: [Zoom](#)

Minutes/Actions recorded by: Lorenzo

Castaneda

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

### **A. MEETING BUSINESS**

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#### **A-1. Roll Call**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)	<b>Name</b>	<b>Note:</b> absent (excused/not excused) arrived late (time) departed early (time) proxy (full name)
Diana Garcia (Cochair)	<b>Present</b>	Gabriel Van Praag (EAB Liaison)	Present
Elvia Cruz (Cochair)	<b>Present</b>	Phoebe (HRB Liaison)	Present
Sierra Andrade (Student Affairs)	<b>Present</b>	Ruth Alcantra (Campaign Chair)	Present
Rachel Huang (Campaign)	<b>Present</b>	Dania De Ramon (Community Affairs Chair)	Present
Ajar Kerey (Campaign)	<b>Absent</b>	Sarah Schiedslag (Advisor)	Present
Duncan Edwards (Treasurer)	<b>Present</b>	Miranda O'Brien (Publicity Chair)	Present
Lorenzo Castaneda (Admin Coordinator)	<b>Present</b>	Cambria Wilson (Publicity Chair)	Present

#### **A-2. Acceptance of Attendance and Excused Absences**

***MOTION/SECOND:*** Elvia/Phoebe

***Motion Language:*** Motion to accept attendance and excused absences from  
04/06/2020

***ACTION:*** Consent

#### **A-3. Acceptance of Proxies**

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM**

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#### 1. Announcements

- a. [Food and Water Action and ES Department Training](#): Monday April 20th and Tuesday April 21st
  - i. Ana Rosa and the ES dept. are putting together an ES Dept. Training. It is a 2 part training
  - ii. Our Monday meeting (4/20) could be postponed to attend the training
- b. [Petition to support Mashpee Wamponaog Tribe](#)
  - i. The tribe whose land was taken from the Trump administration
- c. [Call on Governor Newsom and California Oil Regulators to Protect Public Health and Safety — Not Big Oil](#)
  - i. the letter has 3 asks
    1. stop oil drillings, drop all the contracts and leases for oil contracts, and roll the distance away from 2500 feet
- d. Bren EJ club having their first meeting Thursday 5pm-6pm if anyone wants to join
2. Applications/Outreach 2020-2021
  - a. apps have been received for next years board
  - b. cambria has posted the apps to the ES listserv
    - i. miranda can ask the honors listserv
    - ii. possible listservs--sociology, communication
    - iii. [Conference Network / Contacts](#) - look @ sheet 2 for departments
3. Book Club
  - a. 15 responses from the survey. ruth will try to send emails this week to have the first Book Club meeting by next week
  - b. the first meeting may be an icebreaker for introductions with the following meeting focusing entirely on discussion regarding the book
4. [COVID19 resources follow up](#)
  - a. FB group (?): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156573962286140/>
  - b. gabe has found more list of resources including financial resources and a compilation of online classes than any is free to attend
  - c. those interested in working on the graphic: Gabe, Dania, Diana, Rachel
5. [Newsletter Week 3](#)
  - a. recipe of the week: a recipe from Elvia's dressing that she ate this week
  - b. documentary series called Food Forward based on food culture, interview's different urban farmers from NY Detroit
  - c. No specific theme for the newsletter
6. Newsletter Week 4
  - a. should follow the same format as Newsletter Week 3
7. UC Sustainable Practices Policy Feedback
  - a. Breakout rooms Questions
    - i. Speak on your experiences when reading through the policy
      1. Group 3: The policy has a lot of jargon that focuses more on the infrastructure of the UC and trying to focus on cost-reductions as well. The policy does not focus on the needs of the underprivileged communities of the school. The policy fails to include food

insecurity or the way they plan to achieve the building/renovation of energy-efficient buildings.

- a. The SPP and the labor policies should be integrated, extending the labor policy for specific industries that the UC employs.
- b. What resources will be provided to help specific campuses? Funding for electric vehicles?
- c. The timeline for the goals in the SPP is very vague. There should be an added policy on how the program's should be on each campus; stable budget, more staffing for sustainability. A UC wide policy for sustainability programs. Every campus should have at least have 'so and so' done. May allow sustainability programs to have better funding.
- d. Campuses should have 30% of their food products be fair trade certified. Change could be 30% social justice verifications and 30% can be animal welfare verified
- e. No penalties or enforcement.
- f. Little to none implementation plans or resources that will be allocated for each campus and portion of the policy.

2. Group 2: Policy implementation people is not inclusive, president of the UC is the approver of the policy

- a. in addition to working group and at every step they should include the local native folks
- b. native nation should be on the committee
- c. talk to Mia and how she would react to this policy and if theres a need (which local groups can speak, a lot are federally recognized and some aren't)
- d. voting process: everything shouldnt be majority vote
- e. procurement policy: standards for purchasing (fair trade)
- f. transportation: reduce single occupant vehicle, talks about carpool and rideshares, increase their zero emission vehicles
  - i. toxic tour: ran out of vehicles and had to rent it from rental companies
  - ii. if they run out of vehicles they will have nonefficient vehicles
  - iii. encourage biking,
  - iv. workers transporting from oxnard and ventura (how do you protect people who don't have the resources to live near school)
  - v. people using SOV are grad students and workers that live far away due to high price of housing (if

- you want to incorporate EJ you have to incorporate housing rights)
    - g. Food service: didn't see anything about workers, access to the food, ability to share meals, campus and health should receive 3rd party green certifications (look through different certifications)
    - h. Water systems: nothing said about indigenous rights, if its being diverted where its needed more
  - 3. Group 1: Ecological perspective, sustainable but for whom?, who enforces it?, be more specific stop using buzzwords, zero waste: no mention of food waste,
    - a. Have the UCOP reach out to to more student organizations and have them also communicate with one another? develop some kind of task force?
  - 4. Group 4:
    - a. good that they mentioned dining halls, currently very wasteful, but might be difficult to enforce because they are considered a separate branch of the school
    - b. lacks enforcement and accountability
    - c. miscommunication between departments
    - d. If they could make them the sustainable practices in an online course
    - e. mostly related to architecture/building/clean energy
    - f. sustainable faculty transportation-carpool programs??
    - g. bike sustainability-new building project-not a priority
  - 5. economic priority, tech/jargon oriented
- ii. Which topics interested you the most?
  - 1. Group 1:
    - a. Food → reduce food waste, Last Call ap, meal swipe rollovers & donations
    - b. Labor→ contracts, unions, stop outsourcing cheap labor
      - i. designate USLAC to aid in a just transition & construction
  - 2. Group 2:
    - a. Sustainable food services
    - b. Sustainable building: how is labor related?
- iii. How and where can EJ be incorporated?
  - 1. Group 3: Labor policies should be incorporated/integrated to sustainable building and transportation portions of the policy.
    - a. For Sustainable food services, the policy should revise the third party “green business” certifications to not only include but also require some percentage/level of products ordered having a social justice oriented verification (fair trade, safe working conditions).

- b. A policy setting baseline requirements for each campus Sustainability office, such that there will be at least one full time staff member that focuses on Environmental justice and social sustainability.
    - iv. What should EJA focus on?
      - 1. labor rights/worker environment
    - v. How could the [questions](#) at the town hall be improved?
  - b. Who is going to be impacted and in what way? no intersectional framework
  - c. lack of accountability: did not emphasize how these groups were going to do what is said in the policy, volunteer/recommendations
  - d. besides having little to no implementation, does not offer resources its going to give to each campus, leaves it to the campus on how to resolve problems and find its funding sources
  - e. The policy wanted to reduce emissions from SOV's, vehicles that are used mostly by faculty and staff. The underlying problem is addressed to the lack of housing related closely to campus seeing as many that drive to school live far from campus
  - f. the importance of local neighbor groups and how they are not mentioned in the policy. We could ask the local representative if they could and if they're willing to be part of the policy. Would the group be interested in participating in the policy?
    - i. one thing we have to figure out is getting them to work with local groups and which local groups can speak. some are recognized and others are not, some are which are more legitimate from others
    - ii. the challenge lies in the UC and the county from saying "yes these people are legitimate" and "these are not"
    - iii. is there a group that has representatives from groups that would like to provide their own resolutions
    - iv. it is difficult to become a recognized tribe; tensions between different groups in SB and the way to navigate around different groups
  - g. Sustainable food services: summary briefly mentioned where we are getting food from, green business certified (mainly environmentally focussed, USDA organic), there should be more fair trade (it is only a recommendation)
    - i. access to food (dining commons, food bank)
    - ii. food sovereignty
    - iii. UC global food initiative is separate
      - 1. task force are non permanent
      - 2. make a more permanent policy instead of projects
  - h. policy regarding each of the sustainability programs (more of a baseline requirement given by the UCOP)
    - i. each UC one full time staff that focuses on social justice and environmental justice issues
- 8. Bottom lines about UC sustainable practices policy
  - a. Transportation- Ruth, Duncan, Sierra
  - b. Zero waste - Dania, miranda, Rachel

- c. Food - Cambria, Gabe, pheebs, Lorenzo
  - i. Research green certifications.
- 9. Webinar
  - a. Wednesday at 5pm:

## C. REPORTS

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**C1. Advisor's Report:**

**C2. Executive Officer's Report(s) N/A**

**C3. Group Project/Member Report(s) N/A**

## D. ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA/CHANGES to AGENDA

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## E. ACCEPTANCE of ACTION SUMMARY/MINUTES

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**A) Approval of our Action Summary/Minutes from:**

**MOTION/SECOND:** *Phoebe/Duncan*

**Motion Language:** *Motion to accept attendance and excused absences of 04/13*

**ACTION:** *Consent*

## F. ACTION ITEMS

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**F-1 Old Business:**

**F-2 New Business:**

## G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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**A) N/A**

## H. REMARKS

## I. TASKS

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Diana Garcia (Cochair)		Gabriel Van Praag (EAB Liaison)	Documentary for week 4
Elvia Cruz (Cochair)		Phoebe (HRB Liaison)	
Sierra Andrade (Student Affairs)		Ruth Alcantra (Campaign Chair)	
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## J. ADJOURNMENT

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***MOTION/SECOND:*** Elvia/Gabe

***Motion Language:*** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm

***ACTION:*** Consent