SSN General Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014
12:00-12:50pm
SERF 232
Attendance approximately 11
Submitted by Kim Kane

I. News & Announcements (15 mins)
Sasha reported as Chair of the SSN she gets invited to many interesting meetings, including one recently that included campus human resources, and staff education and development.
Kristin and Sasha will investigate the possibility of creating a Sustainability Class/training for staff that includes best practices in the office.

? New room?
If anyone knows of a centrally located room that we could use for free for our monthly general meetings let Kim Kane know.

? SSN Logo
A logo was created to use on flyers and other materials

? Communications person
Kate will be stepping down as the SSN Communication’s officer in March, if anyone would like more information about the position, let Kate or Sasha know.

? SSN Funds
The SSN did not receive any Staff Association funding from the campus. We are working to secure other sources of funding. In the future consider doing a fundraiser, maybe a plant sale?

? Sustainability tidbits
Group members often hear of sustainability tidbits/information (ie: new restaurants, movies, beach clean-ups, neat websites) that they want to share with others. Concerned about inundating members with too many emails, we decided to include them at the bottom of the monthly email that contains the agenda.

II. SSN Events (10 mins)
Jen is our new Events Manager and Kimberly volunteered to help organize the SSN events this year. They will meet to discuss how best to host the events. They may be looking for volunteers in the near future to help.

SSN EVENTS
Sustainable sites at UCSD walking tours
Green Learning with booths and prizes for completing activities
Speaker: City of SD and SDG&E to discuss rebate programs and SD's zero waste goal
Workshop: Easy worm composting at home
Site Visit: Local Farms (can work with our CSA partner)
III. Working groups (15 mins)
The SSN wants to move the needle on sustainability on campus, to show that change is happening and to share information with others. The SSN would like members to organize working groups on various topics that you care about. Areas discussed include but are not limited to, Transportation, Procurement, Recycling/Waste, Energy, and Water. Next meeting we will define the working groups and ask for volunteers. Volunteers can include non-members. Need to figure out how best to work with the staff on campus who may already be working in these areas, as we want to help and not hinder the progress that is already being made.

IV. Open member forum (10 mins)
During each meeting we would like to have a few minutes at the end of the meetings, for attendees to share information with the group.
Chris shared he wants to start an arboretum/nursery on campus. He is looking for a space on campus where this idea could become a reality.