SSN General Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2015
12:00-12:50pm
SERF 232
Attendees: Approximately 17
Submitted by Kim Kane (Secretary)

News & Announcements (5 mins)
- SSN Idea Cloud
  A spreadsheet will be available on the SSN website to capture all of the ideas that people have about what we would like to work on in the future. Anyone can add ideas and work on any of the ideas listed there. Sasha will send out link to members soon.
- Any executive board updates
  Membership: Brian reported there are 74 subscribers to the list serv, 22 members and 8 pledges.
  Mark is working with the campus Development Office regarding funding.

Paul Jamason: UCSD Transportation News (15 mins)
Paul presented an excellent Powerpoint presentation about transportation on campus. Sustainability is part of UCSD’s DNA. While UC San Diego supports alternative transportation, it could strive to do better in certain areas. The transportation division receives no outside funding and relies on parking fees and tickets as part of theirs revenue. Other UC’s allow outside funding. Recently the free bus pass for staff was eliminated and staff are now charged $54.00 a month for the pass. This is a discounted rate from MTS of 25%, and is available for large businesses, but no special discount was given to the campus for UCSD staff members. Because of the price will staff continue to ride the bus or will ridership decrease? The trolley is coming to campus in 2019. Regarding biking on campus, Paul would like to see protected bike lanes so people feel safe riding. This means bicyclists are separated from cars. His goal is to advocate for a certified “Bike Friendly” campus. The bike shop on campus gives a discount if a person registers their bike with the parking office, including a discount on helmets. A member of the group suggested better signage on campus for bicyclists.

If you are interested in joining the transportation working group contact Sasha or Paul.

Staff Project Proposals (15 mins)
Two staff projects were presented to the group for grant funding. The SSN Executive Board needs three dues-paying members to help with the review process.
Contact Brian Pierini if interested in volunteering.

Chris Johnson from FM Landscape Services presented his group’s proposal on a Seed and Composting project on campus. The project would allow the group to grow trees that would later be planted on campus.

Iris Magid from Career Services Center, presented on a UCSD Compost Pilot that would
allow the campus community to compost their green waste at select locations. The green waste would be brought to Roger’s garden and maybe the other gardens on campus for composting.

Earth Week Planning (15 mins)

The main idea for tabling at the Earth Week event on Wednesday April 22 is to get the word out about the SSN and increase interest and membership. What else do we want to do at the table? Various ideas were discussed including a recycling game/info, food, pledges, a kiosk to have your picture taken with someone/something, for example at another event they had a Triton. So people would get their picture taken and share their picture with friends on social media, this would help promote the SSN. Sasha will be demonstrating worm composting.

Attendees were asked to volunteer to sign-up for a one-hour slot at the tabling event from 10:30-1:30. Another sign-up sheet was sent around for people who may want to host an event during Earth Week.

If you want to volunteer please contact Kimberly O’Connell.