SSN General Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2015
12:00-12:50pm
SERF 232
Attendees: Approximately 20
Submitted by Kim Kane (Recording Secretary)

News & Announcements (10 mins)
- SSN Executive Board Members for 2015-2016
  - Mark Ortiz, Chair (Core-Bio Services) 858-822-3896
  - Jennifer Bowser, Chair-Elect (BFS- General Accounting) 858-534-4993
  - Brian Pierini, Membership Chair (FF21) 858-534-3532
  - Kim Kane, Recording Secretary (Geisel Library) 858-822-2854
  - Hughston Hagues, Treasurer (University Centers) (858) 534-1955
  - Travis Johnson, Communications Officer (FF21) (858) 534-6383
  - Yvonne Brown, Events Coordinator (Office Of Clinical Trial Administration) (858) 657-5166
- UCSD Ideawave
  - Chris Johnson’s group has submitted their idea of starting an Arboretum on campus to the Ideawave.
    - Everyone can vote on this idea and if it gets enough votes it will move forward.
  - Another idea on the Ideawave webpage is about telecommuting another sustainable idea
  - All staff can log onto the website and vote on these and other ideas. [http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/scspoc/ideawave/index.html](http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/scspoc/ideawave/index.html)
  - SSN may want to come up with an idea they can submit in the future.
- SSI EDI Office Funding
  - The SSN does not qualify for funding from the EDI office as we are not an identity based group.
- Change SSN Charter
  - Did not discuss
- Changes in Staff Association VC management
  - In the near future, the Staff Associations will be under the HR Chancellor
- Chancellor Volunteer 50 group will be hosting a beach clean-up on September 12
- Visit by students from Roger’s garden.
  - Soon they will have aquaponics at the garden!
  - They are considering starting a small scale CSA for staff, with boxes being delivered right to a person’s office. Currently they have a lot of herbs and some flowers, contact them if you are interested.
  - Volunteer time at the garden Sundays from 10-noon.
  - SSN to schedule a tour of Roger’s Garden this fall
- Visit by Sarah Boltwala-Mesina of Inika Small Earth Inc.
  - Briefly Sarah explained to us that her organization helps schools, companies, and individuals to recycle and compost and keep things out of the landfill. One goal is to employ master gardeners in the community.
If the SSN is interested she could come back and tell us more about her organization.

**Staff Appreciation Day Friday August 14 11:30-1:30 Theme Time Travel -- Yvonne Brown**

- **Tabling logistics**
  - We will have one or two tables with a canopy
  - Set-up and take down from 9:30-2:00
  - Timeline or history of Sustainability on Campus
  - Photo opportunity with white boards ask people to pledge to do something differently
  - Chris will have plants for sale to raise money for SSN
  - Have info on membership available and sign-up sheet
  - Invite people to come to our table and do this... (take a pledge, learn more about the SSN)
  - Our table will be by the student group Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) and they will bring their solar roller

- **Contact Yvonne if you can volunteer some or part of the day.**  
  ynbrown@ucsd.edu

- **Volunteers are also needed for the 3-bin system, composting/recycling/trash areas**
  - Volunteer would stand at each station and answer questions about what bin each item could go into
    - If the SSN does not have enough volunteers could other staff volunteers be trained to help?
  - Roaming volunteers could have a sticker on their shirt that says something like, “Ask me about composting/recycling/trash”
  - Again let Yvonne know if you are interested in volunteering with this area
  - All volunteers can register on the Chancellor’s Volunteer 50 webpage to log their hours
    - This may be a place where the SSN can apply for funding for some of their future events
  - Yvonne will make signs for the bins with images of what can go in each bin.
    - If images look like the actual products that will be used at the event people may have an easier time figuring out what goes where

- **Yvonne will be working on a blurb on how to make the Staff Appreciation event green that will be posted**
  - Ideas for sustainable give aways/gifts plants, seed packets, fair trade chocolate
  - Could the fans that will be given away, be made from recycled paper, would it be possible to collect them and use them next year?
  - Tickets will be barcodes and paper ones can be recycled.

- **Goals and Improvements Open Discussion**
  - Keeping SSN’s Mission Statement in mind, what do we want to achieve this year?
  - What big projects should we work on?
  - How can SSN better help you to make a difference?
  - How can we SSN EB, and more value to your SSN membership?
- Membership goal – last year our goal was 50 we currently have 28, we need to keep growing membership
- Continuity with Events we have participated in this year.
  - Table at Earth Week, and Staff Appreciation Day...
- Host clean-up on campus (parking lots, East Campus) and later a beach clean-up
- Green Events/Best Practices
  - Whole foods sells “party packs” that consist of compostable plates and utensils a person can purchase to green their party, could SSN sell something like that to raise money for the group? Does Market Place already sell something like that? Could we suggest that they start?
  - Encourage campus catering to work toward sustainable options for events on campus.
  - Help with greening events on campus for example Transfer Admit Day and others
- Eliminate selling of plastic water bottles on campus
- Continuing brainstorming ideas for goals and improvements on the SSN Idea cloud.
  
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LO7zEyp2wPVUt6FVrFQme1yVDfhk3hJYs2khBSSD30/edit?pli=1#gid=0
  
  o At our August meeting we will take a vote on the ideas we want to work on this upcoming fiscal year.
  
  o Thanks for your input!