



Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes

**STAFF
COUNCIL**

Committee Name: Environmental Sustainability

Meeting Date and Place: Wednesday, April 5, 1pm @ <https://hsc-unm.zoom.us/j/94285705141>

Members Present: Sharina Desai, Leo Lucero, Yadeeh Sawyer, Michal Mudd, Kolt Vaughn, John Shaski, Joanne Kuestner

Minutes Submitted by: Sharina Desai

	Subject	Item	Notes
1.	Call to Order		Meeting started at 1:03
2.	Indigenous Peoples' Land and Territory Acknowledgement	Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.	Read by Sharina
3.	Approval of Agenda	<p>1) Amy's Sustainability Expo:</p> <p>2) If the SC ES committee has comments related to the ongoing negotiation associated with the open food services contract at UNM. (Amber Trujillo McClure: atrujillomcclure@unm.edu)</p> <p>Expo link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGshh4srVYkRPB7FUGIHrFx_BWHg88HrOlueiq-2KbkztyyA/viewform</p> <p>Suggestions from Ski: Any new contract should have/retain language that requires the food services vendor to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire a 3rd party vendor to transport and process Back-of-House (BOH) food waste (i.e. Little Green Bucket) Replace any inventory of single-use plastics and/or other single-use to-go ware (excluding utensils) with compostable service wares. Managing source separation up front is the challenge Solutions COULD. They managed back of house collect. </p>	Sharina sign up for tabling Flyer for Lunch & Learns Join listserv Seed packets

Ideally: Start pilot, prove feasibility, long term vision
Job is BIG. Material has food on it. Can't collect and wait.
Requires grassroots effort at collection.

Make a good-faith effort to purchase in-season produce from small scale (< 50 acres), locally-owned farms

Wait for survey link to add comments

- 3) Learning Central online training module
- 4) We have a base PPT. Let's work on this as a team! Can we share Ski's PPT?
 - a) recycling b) grounds c) custodial d) EHS e) surplus
- 5) Next Lunch and Learn: Food

a. I dropped the ball on this. Sorry Ruth!

Marisol Austin (Happy Heart Café)

marAustin@salud.unm.edu

Audrina Garcia (Happy Heart Café)

Aumgarcia@salud.unm.edu

I am writing to see if you have reached out to Paul and Amanda with UNM food service about being on a lunch zoom meeting, and or developed talking points for them, or set a date for the event. I think you have their contact info if you want to those arrangements. Let me know if you happen to have any questions or need me to do anything additional.

Sincerely,

Ruth

b. Next Lunch and Learn: The End of Sustainability by Prof. Melinda Morgan. Carla?

- 6) Make the Lunch and Learn Listserv and send follow-up email with link to video. Can I have a volunteer?

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WzBHhI_NOOu2Ds0zbELZWrrR1_iwzHjB1ACUHjKmlhs/edit?usp=sharing

Marisol

Ski / Amber: link to survey

Ski will share PPT with the Group

7) Medicinal Garden Boxes (Michal)

But unfortunate news.

I contacted Richard Schorr and Alan Bilau about the possibility of getting some more plants for the Medicinal Garden planters and it seems the Landscaping division are in both a personnel and budget crunch right now so it's not going to be possible to get any from them, using their index or any other index.

I've got some seeds of the plants I was hoping to get, thought of having a plant sale to raise money for these plants (not sure of the bureaucracy of this), soliciting donations of said plants, sponsorship of plants, buying a few myself - the Foerster grass and rosemary are pretty cheap.

These are the type I was hoping to get again and the description of what we had asked for last time:

"We originally obtained Feather Reed -Karl Foerster Grass in the center of each of the 4 planters, and have a creeping rosemary on each of the 4 sides of each planter. The grass grew very wide and is now a little sparse so I hoped to obtain 4 more grasses, and some of the Rosemary died off so we may need ~ 8 - 10 creeping rosemary.

Then in each of the four corners of the planters we looked to plant a different perennial of those below. We still have a few surviving but may need about 12 plants, or 2 of 6 different plants.

If possible, we could use more mulch to place on top.

The perennials we came up with and hope to obtain 2 of each are:

- 1) Bee balm (Wild Bergamot) - Red/pink flowers
- 2) Yarrow - White/Yellow/Reddish flowers (we have some yellow-flowered that survived)
- 3) Coneflower (Echinacea) - Pink/Purple/White flowers. (however these regularly are stolen while healthy after flowering)
- 4) Coreopsis (Tickseed) - Yellow flowers
- 5) Purple Asters - Purple flowers
- 6) Black-eyed Susan - Yellow flowers
- 7) Blanketflower - Yellow & Red flowers
- 8) Scarlet Globemallow - Reddish/Orange flowers
- 9) Cota. - yellow flowers

"

So maybe others in the group have ideas if they wish to pursue this? (i will secretly plant if not!)

Last frost in ABQ averages mid-April so, if it could even be a group effort even, I think it might be a good idea to plant sometime between the 17th and 20th? I'm

		<p>going to add some mushroom compost meantime. ***** Waiting for Mr. Gabino Noriega (ECA) who teaches a class on curanderismo. gabino@unm.edu Gabino Noriega is an Albuquerque native and PhD Candidate in the UNM College of Education Department of Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, and Policy. Gabino has a passion to support the unique needs of students of color in education. His focus of study is on educational opportunities for students of color, socioeconomic desegregation, student voice, Curanderismo, Ethnic Studies, and Chicano Indigeneity. In addition to his doctoral studies, Noriega is also a member of the Leadership Team and head of the Ethnic Studies department at Albuquerque’s premier Magnet school the Career Enrichment Center. Noriega also administers STEM-focused extracurricular activities and provides students with opportunities to help within their communities through service learning projects. He is also a family man focused on connecting his family to the Earth and traditions of our ancestors.</p>	
4.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes		Approved
5.	Guest Speakers		
6.	Unfinished Business		<p>Think about sustainable practices of our committee, like Learning Central updates over time Lobo Gardens, Grounds & Landscaping New initiatives, individual volunteers –v- built into the structure for long term sustainability</p>
7.	New Business	Contact local garden centers and community centers to ask for plants that they are getting rid of, donations, etc	<p>1) Try a PowerPoint with voice over. Build master deck from 5 departments: a) recycling b) grounds c) custodial d) EHS e) surplus</p> <p>2) Next Lunch and Learn can be Food a) if they participate in composting (officially no UNM composting?) b) info on purchasing ingredients and food service ware/to-go containers c) waste stream/recycling</p>

8.	Announcements		
9.	Adjournment	Next meeting Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 1pm @ Zoom	Meeting adjourned at 1:53