

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

June 14, 2011

Attendees: Mia Casey, Karen Smith, Janice Carr, Gillian Schultz, Scott Lankford, Bob Cormia, Sam Connell

#### 1. **Sustainable Learning Community for 2011-12:**

The board of directors of the FHDA Foundation was informed about next year's water theme. There will be water-themed books and art projects, and we will tie in with Slow the Flow and other activities from Horticulture Division, as well as volunteer opportunities to work with Gillian Schultz and others on the Adobe Creek Watershed restoration (the creek that runs through Foothill campus).

2. **Humanities Course: Civilization & Nature:** Scott and Sam discussed the idea of an interdisciplinary 'place-based learning' course. Scott agreed to broach the idea with the Curriculum Committee.

3. **Center for Sustainability / Center for Ecoliteracy:** Scott presented his idea of "rebranding" our committee efforts by incorporating "Center" into our name. Interdisciplinary curriculum, and perhaps a transfer degree or certificate in sustainable studies could be developed. Other benefits, increased volunteer involvement from students who would take part at a 'center' over being on a committee. Also increased possibilities for funding, and generally unifying the sustainability efforts on campus. Scott, Mia and others agreed to work on fleshing out the new identity and gathering name ideas from the team.

#### 4. **SMP revision / Energy Management:**

Tabled til next year.

#### 5. **Open Discussion / New Topics:**