

CEC Minutes

October 30, 2009, 1:00-3:00

Student Activities Conference Room

Members present: Paul Smith, Dani Madrone, Connor Birkeland, Tom Mercado, Nina Smith

Bike Share Program Grant

The committee voted to approve the full proposal for \$10,000 with the stipulations that those involved would develop a promotional strategy, handle purchase orders through the bike shop, advertise on the bikes that the program was funded by the CEC, list CEC as a sponsor on promotional materials, and seek other funding sources if the program is expanded. Travis was instructed to document the process of establishing the program and to submit a formal report by week 5 of Spring quarter.

EV for RAD

The committee voted to approve the transfer of the electric vehicle from Parking Services to RAD. Mark Lacina said he would be able to use the vehicle during the entire week and would surplus the linen van in exchange. The vehicle will be inspected by motor pool and a contract will be signed between the CEC and RAD before transferring the vehicle.

Biomass Gasification: the level of involvement of the CEC

Update: We will know in December whether the proposal to the State has made the governor's budget, and in March whether it has made the legislative budget.

The CEC had some discussion about the role we will serve with this project. It was established that, beyond funding the predesign, this is not a CEC project. However, student involvement can be achieved by incorporating CEC students on the gasification committee. This opportunity will be extended to all CEC students, but we should look into recruiting another position that will be dedicated to working on CAP strategies such as this. The earliest this committee would form will be Winter quarter, and the latest will be Summer quarter.

There were a few people present at the committee that debated about some of the issues surrounding the gasification proposal. There is concern about the sustainability of wood as a fuel source, where the filtered particulates go, and nanoparticles effecting air quality. It is clear that an information forum should be held by the gasification committee to address these issues. Currently, there is a student doing upper-division research under John Parkins studying the emissions of wood gasification.

The award letter for the \$125,000 proposal was reviewed and accepted by the CEC, and has been signed by Dani Madrone and Paul Smith.

Tapped Grant

The committee voted to approve the grant application for the showing of *Tapped* on campus, a film about the bottled water industry. We included an additional \$50 in the grant to cover the fee for the use of media equipment. The film will air on November 17, most likely in one of the lecture halls.

New meeting time

Fridays are not looking good for the CEC next quarter. We are currently looking at every other Wednesday from 3-5.