



Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Environmental Sustainability

Meeting Date and Place: Wednesday, September 6 2023 via Zoom

Members Present: Sharina Desai (chair), Yadeeh Sawyer, John Shaski (co-chair)

Excused Absent: Carla Sakiestewa

Members Absent: Amie Ortiz, Gina Sandoval, Grace Faustino, Joanne Kuestner, Joe Lane, Michal Mudd, Tommy Evans, Alison Kionka, Ryan Edgington

Guests Present: None

Minutes Submitted by: Sharina Desai

	Subject	Item	Notes
1.	Call to Order	Chair Sharina Desai	Meeting started at 1:04pm
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 Desai
3.	Approval of Agenda	Didn't have an agenda	
4.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Reviewed the Minutes from 7/12/2023. Didn't have August meeting	
5.	Unfinished Business	Ski spoke with EOD. He is just waiting for them to reply after asking them for what we want to include. No need to prioritize pictures of recycling bins right now. Send pics of bins is stuck in inaccessible file. Sharina will resend.	
6.	New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Email SCES members the link to sust.unm.edu. Melinda "Mindy" Morgan left Sus dept to head Federal Grant on Water. Invite new director of Sus Studies, Andreas Hernandez. How Can we collaborate with Sust. Program? How can we help you and your agenda? 2) We need to increase participation and recruitment. Sharina to work on flyer for recruitment. Find Recycle symbol for flyer. 3) Recruitment: Who are key heads of areas/departments? Building coordinators. 3-5 people in our network. Contact list from Lunch and Learn (add to external listserve) 4) SCES newsletter every 2 weeks. Suggested topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Blurb from Kolt's story about the formaldehyde variance and NM labs. *Tell Speaker Lane that he is no longer in our group (left UNM). b. Ask Amie Ortiz for specifics regarding UNM 'green' purchasing standards 	

		<p>c. Include notification regarding advent of foam recycling service</p> <p>5) Next SC Business Meeting: Ask Amy and Joe about rotating committees to highlight for recruitment</p>	
7.	Announcements	6) Watch Down to Earth on Netflix	a.
8.	Adjournment	Next meeting Wednesday October 4, 2023 at 1 pm via Zoom	Meeting adjourned at 2:06 pm