



Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC)

Committee Update



President's Cabinet 3/1/22

Members, 2021-2022

Co-Chairs

Leslie Seiger, Biology

Dean Leavitt, Biology

Manager Representative

Pearl Ly

Faculty & Classified Members

Amy Aswell, Interior Design

Daniela Bruckman, Biology

Erin Evans, Sociology

Paige Hu, Biology

Sam Lee, CISC

Jill Moreno Ikari, English

Lance Parker, Chemistry

Alison Primoza, Spanish

Waverly Ray, Geography

Michelle Rodriguez, Political Science

Ron Sandvick, Mathematics

Allan Schougaard, CISC

Scott Starbuck, English

Gerry Vanderpot, Facilities





Mesa



Mesa College Strategic Plan
Roadmap to Mesa2030
2021-2026



Strategic Objectives

Mesa College Vision:
To be the leading College
of Equity and Excellence



Stewardship

Mesa2030 Goal

Mesa College will develop and sustain processes that prioritize environmental justice and sustainability, reduce Mesa College's carbon footprint, and allocate its human, physical, technological, and fiscal resources around the goal of increasing student access, success, and parity in outcomes across racial/ethnic groups and all disproportionately impacted groups.

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- In collaboration with students, develop a climate action plan aligned with state and city goals that includes a timeline to reduce Mesa College's carbon footprint, focuses on climate literacy and student action, and mitigates Mesa's impact on climate change.
- Support processes and initiatives that prioritize environmental sustainability and reduce Mesa College's impact on climate change.
- Increase student access and schedule efficiency by coordinating schedules among departments/ disciplines.
- Establish a college-wide practice and schedule that addresses routine maintenance and renewal of equipment, facilities and technology to ensure access to adequate resources and better serve students.
- Increased campus understanding, communication of and transparency in budget and resource allocation.
- Develop a proactive hiring plan that includes a review of advertising, screening, and interviewing with a goal of establishing a diverse and competent workforce that is reflective of the student population and the local community.

College-wide Progress Measures

- FTES/FTEF productivity
- Space utilization
- Improvement in Mesa's structural budget deficits
- Environmental Certifications for Buildings
- Employee Demographics by constituency group
- Global Climate Change Institutional Capacity Assessment
- Calculation of Carbon footprint

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Climate Action Plan

Research/Climate Action Plan subcommittee led by Michelle Rodriguez

1. The ESC will host a workshop where the campus community can comment on and contribute to draft CAP sections on: transportation, buildings/energy, food/waste, and landscaping/trail on **March 25** from **11 - 12:30**

An announcement will go out soon.

2. In April, the ESC will host a workshop where faculty can add sustainability and/or climate change literacy elements to their CORs. Planning for this is ongoing and details will be provided later.



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3. CAP writers will attend the March 4 meeting of the Committee for Diversity Action, Inclusion and Equity to discuss whether the CAP elements can be included in the campus-wide DEI audit that is getting underway.

4. ESC is working with Associated Students to ensure formal student input

5. Interns and a work experience student are working on data collection and outreach.



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(STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance.

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***A global sustainability
standard***
created by and for higher education

STARS report

District sustainability interns (Jessica, Missael, and Ursula) gathering info starting with the Mesa College campus and then will do other campuses

This is wide-ranging and needs support from campus groups

Prioritizing environmental sustainability

District sustainability interns secured a \$300,000 air quality grant for City College from the California Air Resources Board

Establishes that our students can write successful proposals



Prioritizing environmental sustainability

- Coordinating Earth Month activities in April
Currently in planning stages
- The TerraMesa garden donated more than 350 pounds of organic produce last year and diverted 448 gallons of food scraps from the landfill
- Working on a new partnership with Food2Soil to process our food scraps at no cost in exchange for use of the compost hub



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Students reached out to Chancellor and Board

Awaiting a response from VC Dowd to have a meeting to discuss possibilities



Particular Recognition:

Michelle Rodriguez

Waverly Ray