

Rancho Santiago Community College District  
**Rancho Innovation and Sustainability Committee**

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**Meeting Notes**

April 17, 2012

Members:	Raúl Rodríguez	Present
	Peter Hardash	Present
	Paul Foster	Absent
	Steve Kawa	Present
	Jim Kennedy	Present
	Jose Vargas	Present
	Kim Morris	Present
	Lisa McKowan-Bourguignon	Present
	Doug Deaver	Present
	Michael Taylor	Present
	Tammy Cottrell	Present
	Laurene Lugo	Present
	Jana Cruz	Absent
	Hugh Nguyen	Absent
	Zack Ziade	Present
Also Attending:		
	Judy Iannaccone	
	Ruth Cossio-Muniz	
	Elisabeth Pechs	
	Maricela Sandoval	
	Edgar Solano, SAC Student Intern	

1. Introductions

Chancellor Rodríguez welcomed all attendees to the first meeting of the Rancho Innovation and Sustainability Committee (RISC). He stated that, in addition to assigned committee members, involvement in the committee was open to all interested in sustainability.

2. Chancellor's Remarks

Dr. Rodríguez provided background to the creation of the committee and his past experience with sustainability efforts. One of the first decisions of the committee is whether the district wanted to sign on to the President's Climate Commitment. Information about this initiative will be sent to committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Chancellor's Remarks (continued)

Members were asked to provide their comments about their vision for RISC. Some suggestions for committee involvement included:

- Recycling program – ink, paper, plastic, batteries – possibly get community involved
- Identifying carbon footprint and efforts to offset
- Activity like *cicLAvia* (Los Angeles area event) in the City of Santa Ana
- Secure location to store bicycles at all district facilities
- Solar energy applications
- Education and communication – faculty, staff and students
- Filtration on water fountains
- Blog/website
- Yearly theme relating to sustainability

3. District and College Sustainability Plan

Chancellor Rodríguez suggested that RISC consider the development of a sustainability plan for the district and colleges. This will be discussed at future meetings.

4. Future Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that one more meeting would be scheduled prior to the end of the semester. The meeting was scheduled for:

Tuesday, May 8  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
District Office – Executive Conference Room #114

Meeting Adjournment: 3:45 p.m.