

Minutes for Oct. 19 Sustainability Committee Meeting

Attendance: Joel Tonyan, Emily Shelton, Bethan Keith, Kayla Mulkin, Jon Brown, Jaymee Collins, Cindy Norton, Jeff Spicher, Kimberly Reeves, Nithyasri Sundar, Dylan Harris, Marcus Ornelas II, Suzanne Cook, Alyssa Shrader, Mauricio Soriano, Maria Valarezo, Alyssa Shrader, Emily Shelton, Gerard Ligotti, Christine Biermann

- **Announcements**

- *Office of Sustainability*

- Save the Date | Monday, Nov 16th <https://sustain.uccs.edu/get-involved/sustainability-summit>
 - Pre-recorded online videos, 5-7 minutes in length, first available on the 16th
 - Can view past presentations on website
- Working on STARS assessment
 - <https://reports.aashe.org/institutions/university-of-colorado-at-colorado-springs-co/report/2018-02-15/>

- *SWELL*

- Mainly focused on the Food Subscription program
- Presentation with DHS on Menus of Change, but pandemic happened
 - Plant forward approach to dining services in university
 - Menus of Change updates from Robin, menus of change conference is happening now, but still looking at incorporating some of the recommendations
 - Looking at some changes for spring semester
- No access to Flying Carrot right now

- *SGA*

- Working on appointing new committee members, working on more beehives on campus, edible garden maintenance and getting students involved in the wellness program

- *Sustainability Minor*

- Around 40 students declared that are pursuing the minor, Christine is going to reach out to new advisors about the minor, regroup with faculty who teach the minor for brainstorming/new ideas, Dylan Harris teaching the gateway class for the minor, Maggie Gaddis the capstone, please mention to students taking a course that could count for the minor about the minor
- Maybe do a session around the minor or broader at the Teaching and Learning Conference, Suzanne suggested and Christine said she can lead that effort
- <https://sustainabilityminor.uccs.edu>

- *GAF*
 - Large grant, this Friday, \$15,000+
 - Seed grants, under \$5
 - Small grants, next Friday Oct. 30, under \$14,999
- **Update on Farm Subscription Program**
 - 25 initial subscriptions, sold out in 24 hours
 - Month two is being offered, 33 people currently subscribed, capacity of 48
 - <https://uccs.edu/swell/food-next-door-farm-subscription-box>
 - Built in educational materials, recipes, handouts, cooking videos on website
 - Need funding once grant runs out
 - Revenue generating
 - Resubmit for grant
 - Green Action Fund?
 - Other collaboration/funding opportunities?
- **Sustainability Strategic Planning**
 - *Updates about Working Groups*
 - Stakeholder Support
 - Current Members:
 - Joel Tonyan (lead)
 - SGA passed a resolution supporting the creation of a new plan
 - Need to reschedule meetings with administrators, interrupted by pandemic
 - Operations
 - Current Members:
 - Cynthia Norton (lead)
 - Kayla Kutter
 - Vaughn Love
 - Kent Marsh
 - Skyler Rorabaugh
 - Jim Spice
 - Rob Dougherty
 - Marcus Ornelas II
 - Mary Lile
 - Sean Svette
 - Rob McGann
 - Margaret Gaddis
 - Kayla Kutter
 - Emily Shelton
 - Have developed possible goals/initiatives, need to narrow and wordsmith
 - Education and Research
 - Current Members:
 - Christine Biermann (lead)

- Suzanne Cook
 - Maggie Gaddis
 - Dylan Harris
 - Marie Hoerner
 - Niki Juhl
 - Nanna Meyer
 - Jessi Smith
 - Sue Howell
 - Bethan Keith
 - Emily Shelton
 - Still developing goals/initiatives
- Engagement
 - Current Members:
 - Kimberly Reeves (lead)
 - Suzanne Cook
 - Nancy Moore
 - Have developed possible goals/initiatives, need to wordsmith
- Leadership
 - Current Members:
 - Kimberly Reeves (lead)
 - Kent Marsh
 - Andrea Herrera
 - Nanna Meyer
 - Jesse Perez
 - Brad Bayer
 - Ryan Maikell
 - Jeff Spicher
 - Robin Margolin
 - Still developing goals/initiatives
- *Next Steps*
 - Sign up for a Working Group!