

Minutes for Sustainability Committee Meeting on March 7, 2022

- **Announcements**

- *2022 Campus Sustainability Nominations*
 - 2 nominations received
 - Joel will send out voting form after meeting, please vote by Friday, March 18
- *Co-Chair Nominations for Term Beginning Fall 2022*
 - *Reminder: If you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone, please reach out to Joel and Christine*
 - For anyone who is nominated by another committee member, Joel and Christine will reach out to the individual to see if they're interested in serving
 - One person from the committee has expressed interest in serving
 - Will hold vote in April
- *Office of Sustainability*
 - CU President's Sustainable Solutions Challenge <https://sustain.uccs.edu/pssc>
 - March 17th – Proposal/Pitch Workshop
 - April 1st – Proposal Deadline
 - April 7th – UCCS Pitch Night
 - April 21st – Final Pitch Night @ CU Boulder
 - - Green Action Fund | Documentary Screening
 - o Thursday, April 14th 4-5:30pm | MOSAIC Office
 - - Fountain Creek Brewshed® Alliance | Liquid Lecture Series – Colorado Springs Sustainability
 - o Wednesday, April 20th 6pm | Storybook Brewing
 - - Earth Day – TBD
 - o Friday, April 22nd
 - - UCCS Lead – Day of Service – Partnership with Who Gives a Scrap
 - o Saturday, April 23rd 9am-12:30pm
 - - Sustainable Hygiene Products Make n' Take Workshop <https://sustain.uccs.edu/diy-sustainable-hygiene-products>
 - o Wednesday, April 27th 1-3pm Student Life Lounge in the University Center
 - - Clean the Stream volunteer opportunity <https://sustain.uccs.edu/get-involved/creek-week-clean-stream>
 - o Friday, April 29th 1-3pm Meet at UHall Lot 100
 - Sustainability Strategic Plan Update
 1. One Change: Move 2099 Carbon Neutral Commitment, Revisit in 2026
- *Bicycle Advisory Committee*
 - Received Silver for Bicycle Friendly Campus
- *Parking & Transportation Advisory Board*
 - Parking and Transportation Services has new Assistant Director
 - Van Pool Parking
- *Green Action Fund*
 - Deadlines: large grant - Mon, March 21st; small/conference/research - Mon, March 28th
- *SWELL*
 - On March 17, SWELL collaborating with Bread Lab at Hybl Center
 1. Goes from 3-6pm, dieticians from around the state will be attending

- 2. Focusing on the protein flip
 - 3. 5 recipes highlighting protein-flip burgers
- Met with Dining about incorporating some of the cookbook recipes into cuisine
- Still working on bringing back Farmstand Fridays
- Protein flip research project with male athletes
- **Continued Discussion: What should the committee work on this year?**
 - Ideas/discussion from previous meeting
 - 1. *Recycling campaign/Waste literacy*
 - This is already being worked on by two students in the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with the Green Team in the library, so the committee does not need to focus on this project as it might cause confusion
 - If you are interested in assisting with these efforts, please reach out to Kimberly Reeves
 - 2. *The Sustainability Minor*
 - Students aren't as aware of the minor as they were pre-COVID
 - Not as many in-person events advertising minor
 - Help promote minor
 - Maggie Gaddis is teaching Capstone course this semester
 - Perhaps invite her students to the sustainability committee to discuss their projects
 - Maybe advertise on the digital marketing signs, and through Alumni relations highlighting recent graduates, Communique, social media
 - 3. *Efforts to reduce meat consumption on campus, plant forward diet*
 - Perhaps focus on plant-forward diets and not "meatless"?
 - Menus of change
 - Harvard carbon calculators that would educate students about menu choices
 - ULCA climate focused class that focuses on food systems and climate change
 - How can people on the committee become part of the Menus of Change organization?
 - Could we incentive this behavior in PIPs?
 - Can we get back to offering the SWELL meals in Café 65?
 - Two Follow-Ups to Idea 3 since previous meeting:
 - For DHS going meatless or focus on base plant food, you can use the financial burden of having meat to their budget. See this link. https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/consumerpriceindex_west.htm Scroll down to meat, poultry, fish, and egg products (this is our region), you can see under the Jan. 21 column, the last 12-month change is +13.1%. Fruits and Veggies are +6.6% or about half of meat.
 - Possible attendance by Carlos, Larry (new in Robin's position), Alfonso (new executive chef and dining director), Heath (Roaring fork), and Polly (marketing) at our April meeting
 - Nanna will put together a Google Doc and share it out to brainstorm questions for the meeting