

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2020

Attendees:

Christine Biermann, Marie Hoerner, Dylan Harris, Gerard Ligotti, Kimberly Reeves, Jayme Collins, Maggie Gaddis, Kayla Mulkin, Bethan Keith, Nancy Moore, Cynthia Norton, Jim Spice, Suzanne Cook, Elissa Stobaugh, Nanna Meyer

- **What happened in your respective areas over the summer that the committee needs to know about?**
 - *SWELL*
 - Lost position funding from dining services
 - Food Next Store isn't running
 - Some recipes have been incorporated into Dining and Hospitality Services
 - Hybll Café, serving produce from UCCS
 - Food Next Store focused on farm subscription program
 - Funded through Trail System Institute
 - Live and recorded sessions
 - People pick up bags on Friday
 - Recipes in bags
 - Food from San Luis valley, mostly, some from western slope
 - Eggs, cheese, and meat
 - Dining Halls, using food from greenhouse
 - Serving lots of local foods from local sources
 - Everything coming out of dining hospitality is compostable packaging wise, but not all students are composting
 - Farm is running, but no food literacy at the farm
 - *Office of Sustainability Updates*
 - Demo house by appointment only, email sustain@uccs.edu
 - Doing some tours
 - Re-doing front yard with two grants, should make more self-guided tours
 - PIPS, 85 students earned tuition dollars last year
 - Over 1,000 students now participating in program
 - Walktober event
 - Natalie Rodriguez, new green action fund coordinator
 - 7th annual creek week, Thursday, oct. 1, 11-1pm, socially distanced
 - No more Zip Car shares on campus
 - No more free Mountain metro bus pass for students
 - In the works with Pike Ride to get outside grant funding to support metro pass
 - Colorado Springs 150-year celebration, UCCS has committed to planting 150 trees, needing funding and volunteers
 - Amy Wanek, operations engineer left university
 - STARS, due February 2021

- Sustainability Summit, virtual, pre-recorded plus live Q&A, late October, early November
 - *EBSCO Solar Grant for Library*
 - \$293,000 cost for Gallogly Event Center's solar array
- **Sustainability Strategic Planning**
 - Committee feels it's worth continuing to pursue a new Sustainability Strategic Plan, albeit without an end date in mind (we'd originally been hoping to have a draft by December) because of the pandemic
 - Next Steps:
 - Need to reform working groups
 - Need to pick up where we left off; (virtual) meetings with administration
 - Joel will send out current working group members lists and see about adding new members
 - Joel will identify everyone who was going to meet with the administration and see if they still can before contacting administration to reschedule (meetings were originally scheduled for Spring 2020 but were canceled due to pandemic)