

Minutes for Sustainability Committee Meeting, Monday, Sept. 13

Attendance:

Joel Tonyan, Christine Biermann, Nanna Meyer, Robin Margolin, Cindy Norton, David Havlick, Dylan Harris, Farida Khan, Jaymee Collins, Jeff Spicher, Kevin Laudner, Kimberly Reeves, Marcus Ornelas II, Marie Hoerner, Suzanne Cook

Announcements and updates

- *Office of Sustainability*
 - Creek Week Cleanup
 - Friday, Nov. 1st – Signups are coming
 - [Creek Week + Clean the Stream | Sustainability \(uccs.edu\)](#)
 - 5th annual Sustainability Summit – Early November, will be in person and live streamed
 - [Sustainability Summit | Sustainability \(uccs.edu\)](#)
 - Themes – Current change, food insecurity, accessibility and diversity
 - GAF Grant – deadlines for submissions
 - Notification of Intent to Apply for Funding: Monday, Oct 11, 2021
 - Large Grant Application: Monday, Oct 18, 2021
 - Small Grant Application: Monday, Oct 25, 2021
 - Research Seed Grant: Monday, Oct 25, 2021
 - College of engineering in Office of Sustainability's community links for career seeking/experiential learning opportunities
 - Brew Shed – 3 internships, working with three breweries to make their operations more sustainable
- *SWELL*
 - SWELL Student Team – New Students, 4 students, grant should allow up to six students
 - SWELL started working with Athletics
 - Launched the Athlete's Plate, educational menus in the dining hall
 - Would like to eventually open this to nonstudent athletes
 - Students are really interested in bringing back Farmhouse Friday's
 - Working with dining to see if that's possible
 - Might restart on a monthly basis at first
 - [Chile Fest Post Card Final \(canva.com\)](#)
 - Grain School in the Field: [Grain School in the Field Flyer \(canva.com\)](#)
 - Cookbook is still in progress
- *GES GLINT Talk Series, GES Colloquium, 9/16*
 - [GLINT Talk Series: 9-16-21 - YouTube](#)

Current draft of Sustainability Strategic Plan

- Screenshare the updated website <https://sustain.uccs.edu/sustain-plan>
- **Discuss SSP tabling plan and call for volunteers**
- Ways to engage and encourage others to engage
 - Online Feedback Form
 - [Sustainability Strategic Planning Feedback Form \(office.com\)](#)
 - In-person tabling
 - Sept. 7 + 9 | Columbine Hall
 - Sept. 14 + 16 | University Hall
 - Sept. 21 + 23 | Recreation & Wellness Center

- Sept. 27 + 30 | Ent Center for the Arts
- Oct. 5 + 7 | Engineering and Applied Sciences
- Oct. 12 + 14 | Centennial
- Oct. 19 + 21 | University Center across from Sanitorium Grounds
- Oct. 26 + 28 | Roaring Fork Dining Hall
- Feedback Forum
 - May we use the Monday, November 15th Sustainability Committee meeting as our final feedback forum?
- Meetings have been scheduled mid/late October for
 - Curriculum/Research (Kelli Klebe, Jessi Smith, Susan Taylor)
 - Operations (Jeff Reed, Jim Spice, Carolyn Fox, Robin Margolin, Rob McGann, Tony Rago, Catherine DeGroot)
- Meetings that need to be scheduled
 - Leadership (Chancellor + Cabinet) – will be late November/early December after our Feedback Forum
 - Engagement – who needs to be at this meeting? Student Success? Student Life? Needs to be scheduled late October
- Review feedback from two tabling sessions and feedback form
- Action: Please send Kimberly Reeves any dates that you can help with the in-person tabling sessions.

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences building expansion

- <https://pdc.uccs.edu/engineering-building-addition-uccs-engagement-meeting>
- Those in attendance at campus presentation identified major issues with both proposed locations, cultural and environmental in the case of site 1, and environmental/geological in the case of site 2
- Speculation that a third site, the parking area behind the current engineering building, would avoid the cultural/environmental issues with sites 1 and 2
- Action: Committee is encouraged to review presentation and submit feedback by 2pm on Sept. 14
 - [UCCS Anschutz Engineering Center - Site Feedback Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

Other Topics

- Kimberly Reeves has been the Interim Director of the Office of Sustainability since before the pandemic began
 - This position needs to be permanently filled if the campus is to restore its sustainability efforts to pre-COVID19 levels, and it will be a challenge to complete and implement a new campus Sustainability Strategic Plan without a permanent director at the Office.
 - Action: Joel will take this to Faculty Assembly, contacting David Moon prior to the next Faculty Assembly meeting with our concerns.
- [UCCS Fight for \\$15 \(actionnetwork.org\)](#)
 - A petition is circulating to set a \$15 minimum payrate for UCCS student employees.
 - Living wage research for Colorado Springs/El Paso County suggests that workers need to make at least \$16.77/hr to earn a living wage and that's just for single adults with no dependents.
 - CU Boulder, CU Denver and CU Anschutz have all recently raised their minimum wage to \$15.
 - We will discuss this further at the next Sustainability Meeting