

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2021

Attendees: Joel Tonyan, Nanna Meyer, Cindy Norton, Christine Biermann, Sean Svette, Robin Margolin, Kimberly Reeves, Marie Hoerner, Helen Graham, Jeff Spicher, Maggie Gaddis, Suzanne Cook, Skyler Rorabaugh, Marcus Ornelas, Vaughn Love, Jim Spice, Dylan Harris, David Havlick, Elissa Stobaugh

- **Announcements**
 - Tree planting rescheduled
 - Tree Planting Event <https://sustain.uccs.edu/get-involved/150-trees/volunteer>
 - New Sustainability Minor Website and Changes to Minor
 - Christine's presentation: Tree Planting Event <https://sustain.uccs.edu/get-involved/150-trees/volunteer>
 - Tree Planting Event | Sat, April 24th 9am-12pm | RSVP <https://sustain.uccs.edu/get-involved/150-trees/volunteer>
 - Green Stoles | Kimberly to reach out to Nanna, Sean, Christine, Nate
 - Christine has updated the Sustainability Minor website; please review and send classes you'd like added to Christine <https://sustainabilityminor.uccs.edu/>
 - Kudos to Christine on her presentation for the COS 150th Anniversary Celebration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4XDVMNXcyE>
- **Chair and Co-Chair Terms**
 - Revise Bylaws, add in Co-chair position and remove NTT language
 - Joel is willing to continue his role as Chair to support the Sustainability Strategic Plan; this would require the committee to approve the extension of his two-year term
 - Need to update by-laws to reflect Co-Chair position and NTT language
- **UNSDG, UCCS EDI 2019 Plan, CU Strategic Plan, UCCS Strategic Plan and STARS alignment document put together by Jaymee in the Office of Sustainability**
 - [Sust Strategic Plan 2030 goal-alignment.xlsx](#)
- **Discuss ideas generated during last meeting from each of the breakout rooms (30 minutes)**
 - Operations Breakout Room
 - FOOD AND DINING and TRANSPORTATION
 - Opportunities from return to work taskforce
 - Education and Research Breakout Room
 - We need a clear, agreed upon definition of sustainability that is front and center in the plan
 - We define sustainability broadly by the following terms:
 - a. Meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs (per Brundtland Report, 1987);
 - b. Improving the quality and equity of human life while respecting and working to maintain the full variety of biological diversity found on Earth;
 - c. Acting with respect for humanity and human rights, economic justice, physical and natural systems, and evolutionary processes.
 - Engagement Breakout Room
 - Finished developing ideas/actions

- Need input from outside stakeholders, will gather once back on campus
- In the meantime, Kimberly is suspending the group and will join another subteam
- Leadership Breakout Room
 - Create a sustainability group in Southern Colorado that includes UCCS, CU, PCC, the military, and other institutions.
 - Make it truly Southern Colorado, include institutions from Pueblo and more southern
 - Look in Foundation Directory Online and other grant funding for sources of funding to get such a project started