

Sustainability Committee
9 March 2016 Meeting minutes
12:30 – 2:00 pm • EPC 304C

Attendance: Carole Huber, Nanna Meyer, Tom Huber, Cynthia Norton, George Cheney, Joel Tonyan, Kevin Gilford, April Lanotte, David Havlick (chair), Emilie Vrbancic (guest)

Announcements:

April 13: Sustainnovate, all day sustainability program focusing on Sustainable Mobilities. For more info and to sign up for breakfast and lunch:

<http://www.uccs.edu/sustain/index/events/sustainnovate.html>

April 22, Earth Day: 7 pm at Roaring Fork dining Hall movie + vegan dinner served

Topics of Discussion:

1. Economics Perspective in the SUDV Minor: We continue to work on the proposed revisions to the Sustainable Development minor. The committee chair met with Dean Braza in December 2015 to discuss new components and requirements for a revised minor. The Dean expressed a willingness to support a new introductory course and also raised concerns about eliminating a specific requirement for students to complete a course in the economics perspective. This concern was discussed in today's meeting, and we came to a consensus that students *should* be required to complete an economics-focused or -related sustainability course, but that we need to expand opportunities for students so they can accomplish this reasonably. Ideas for doing this included:
 - a. Dr. George Cheney's forthcoming course Comm 4290/5290: Communication, Sustainability, and Social Responsibility.
 - b. Explore the feasibility of MOOCs that could be taken for credit in this area
 - c. Inquire about courses taught in Sociology and SPA that might apply
 - d. Go to individual faculty, chairs, and deans to request more econ-related sustainability courses
 - e. Inquire about courses taught at PPCC that could be used for this credit
 - f. Examine Dr. Nanna Meyer's Food Systems Internship as a possible fit for the econ perspective
2. Local Food Systems Trans-Disciplinary Track. Nanna Meyer introduced her interest in developing a new program in local food systems and asked for input on how this might best be structured. The majority view was that an undergraduate emphasis would be useful. Other ideas included looking into a BI structure for the program, perhaps with Health Science, GES, or other departments involved.
3. Campus Sustainability Award Nominations. **We are inviting nominations for the annual campus Sustainability Award. Deadline for nominations is March 30**, and require a short nominating paragraph in support of an individual, group, or organization. The award is designed to recognize candidates acting beyond their primary University responsibilities. We define campus sustainability as, "An engaged learning community demonstrating leadership in our policies, programs and practices toward local and global ecological integrity, social equity, and economic vitality." Specific requirements are that the candidates: are employees of UCCS; be in at least their third year of employment at

UCCS, and have not received the award previously. Please send any nominations by March 30 to David Havlick at dhavlick@uccs.edu.

4. Kraemer Family Librarians Emilie Vrbancic and Joel Tonyan presented the beta version of a new Library Sustainability Guide that will provide a consolidated site for research and instructional materials relating to sustainability. Joel and Emilie are looking for feedback on the current version, including recommendations for journals and books, before posting it live. Please contact Emilie at evrbanci@uccs.edu.

2:00 Meeting adjourned