

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes – 2018-09-17

Attending: Nanna Meyer, Joel Tonyan, Linda Kogan, Kimberly Reeves, David Havlick, Robin Maragolin, Carole Huber, Christine Biermann, Maggie Gaddis, Niki Juhl, Nancy Moore, Julie Weller, Jim Spice, Cynthia Norton

- **Welcome**
- **Members Roster**
 - We need to provide an updated roster of voting and nonvoting members of the committee to Faculty Assembly
 - Nanna and Joel are compiling a list of active members and will email people we are unsure about to confirm/disconfirm membership
 - Joel will add dept. affiliation to list, reach out to departments that are not currently represented
 - Joel will also add faculty/staff designations to list
 - We will maintain a second list of unofficial members/supporters/etc. who will continue to be copied on all committee-related
- **Priorities for the Coming Year**
 - Sustainability Strategic Plan advocacy
 - Is there a need to advocate for this?
 - Linda hasn't heard anything yet regarding a new sustainability strategic plan (SSP)
 - Campus has hired a firm to help with strategic planning
 - Linda believes it would be proactive to advocate for new SSP before the process gets underway
 - Not only advocate for standalone SSP, but also incorporating sustainability throughout master plan for campus
 - Current plan has been highly effective
 - George Cheney is willing to help with the strategic plan
 - Linda shared an Areas of Opportunity for Sustainability at UCCS 2008 STARS report list; will send out separately via email
 - Anyone can log into the STARS report to see the detailed breakdown (<https://stars.aashe.org/>)
 - Discussion about Research, Food and Dining Staff Professional Development scores
- **Sustainability Committee Working Groups**
 - Nanna and Joel will like to see working groups formed, for instance, an Academic/Curriculum Group, a Research Group, a Transportation Group, and so on.
 - Working Groups would allow us to be more productive and pursue multiple initiatives
 - Committee members can volunteer for the groups that most align with their passions and research interests
 - Which groups should we create and what are their priorities?
 - Discussion
 - Dining Group
 - Strategic Planning Group
 - Grounds Group
 - Transportation Group may be redundant because of existing committees
 - Operations Group instead, perhaps, that is more general?

- SEAS Group, investment and finance, shutting down Martin Drake coal power plant
- **After discussion, the committee agreed that the following groups will be created**
 - *Academic*: David Havlick, Maggie Gaddis, Joel Tonyan, Kimberly Reeves, George Cheney, Nicole Juhl
 - *Engagement and Advocacy*: Christine Biermann, Nancy Moore, Julie Weller, Carole Huber
 - *Operations/Grounds*: David Havlick, Maggie Gaddis, Joel Tonyan, Cynthia Norton, Linda Kogan, Robin Maragolin, Jim Spice
- The committee members present identified which groups they would like to be in
 - Group membership is open to all official and unofficial members of the committee
 - Group leadership is still to be decided
- **Centralizing documentation for the Sustainability Committee**
 - Joel has been using a product called Microsoft Teams, which is available for free to all UCCS students, faculty, and staff
 - He would like the committee to consider using it to centralize all our documentation (meeting minutes, bylaws, reports, and so on)
 - Joel will send out a link to Teams: <https://teams.microsoft.com/#/teamDashboard/Sustainability%20Committee/19%3Adf5ebf8c319d4c97aaf6e1c7b893566a%40thread.skype/td.members>
 - Joel will demonstrate it at the next meeting
- **Other business**
 - *Upcoming SEAS event to coincide with National Voter Registration Day*
 - Tuesday, September 25
 - SEAS is partnering with the League of Women Voters to host it
 - Tentatively scheduled for 9am to 12:30pm on the 25th, in the Centennial Atrium, if the space is available
 - Contact Carole Huber for more details
 - *Sustainability Summit, October 26*
 - Looking for presenters to volunteer to give a 6-8 minute presentation
 - Contact Linda if interested
- **Next Meeting:** October 22nd