

## November 26, 2018 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attending: Nanna Meyer, Joel Tonyan, Kimberly Reeves, Linda Kogan, Robin Maragolin, Suzanne Cook, Christine Biermann, Margaret Scott, Carole Huber, Maggie Gaddis, Niki Juhl, Nancy Moore, Julie Weller, Cynthia Norton, Amy Wanek, Brandon Bishop

### 1. Working group updates

#### 1. Academic Research Group

- a. Workshop Idea for Spring focused around UN Sustainability Goals
  - i. Faculty could bring courses they want to update or integrate new ideas into
  - ii. Workshop proposed for April, around Earth Day
  - iii. Tables themed around each UN goal
  - iv. Kimberly will look at Berger Hall to see if we can book space for Workshop
  - v. Members of the committee: please let us know what classes you teach that already hit on the UN goals (Joel will send out a separate call to committee members for class listings)
  - vi. Also, collapse some goals for workshop to reduce number of tables
- b. Discussion of GPS class or COMPASS curriculum flagged Humanities course focused around UN goals (Arielle Cassidy)
  - i. Carole recommends she speak with Andrea Herrera about possibility of Humanities course
  - ii. Could also work as a co-taught Health Sciences course; Joel will recommend that that Arielle speak with Nanna about this possibility
  - iii. Course could also be flagged for Global Inclusiveness

#### 2. Engagement/Advocacy Group

- a. Look at STARS report
- b. Does the campus need to conduct an assessment of campus culture of sustainability?
  - i. Cerian Gibbes just got a grant to conduct such an assessment/speaking with Linda about this
- c. Signage around campus to raise awareness
  - i. Especially at ENT center
- d. Monthly sustainability communication, each focused on a specific theme for education
  - i. Perhaps GAF grant to help with branding/marketing campaign?
- e. Encourage engagement with local community through Education and Business because they have most links with local campus; internships, etc.
- f. Climate Change
  - i. Generate a larger conversation around climate change within CU community
  - ii. Reaffirm divestment/we are still in campaign
  - iii. Two SEAS students spoke with regents about this, but they weren't receptive to divestment initiative
- g. Work with campus clubs to help them in their engagement/advocacy efforts, for instance, MOSAIC
- h. Brandon Bishop is joining the Engagement/Advocacy Group

#### 3. Operations Group

- a. Grounds
  - i. Landscape management

- ii. Pest management
- b. Water
  - i. Rob Dougherty should be invited to join subgroup
  - ii. Have water usage data for past two years
- c. Linda suggests we also concentrate on climate change and renewables
  - i. Currently we're focused on buying carbon credits
  - ii. Need more engagement on Climate Access Plan
  - iii. Especially in light of new US gov report on climate change, we need to be focusing on other ways to get renewables

## 2. Class schedule updates for spring courses

1. Sustainable Development Minor, seminar course has low enrollment (also applies to other non-minor students)
  - a. For students doing the Sustainability Minor: Carole Huber is offering the following required capstone course Tuesday afternoons spring semester:
  - b. GES 4800 001 Sustainability Seminar (Bldg: Columbine Room: 329 Days: Tu Time: 01:40PM-04:20PM)
  - c. We will be focusing on climate change with Martin Drake, Colorado Springs' coal-fired power plant, as the action focus. It should be fun and interesting.
  - d. *Please contact Carole about taking the course if you are interested but are worried you don't have all the prerequisites - there are a number of them, but they don't apply to all students.*
2. Send out George Cheney's Course
3. Grain School Information (for credit and not for credit plus free public fourm): [https://www.uccs.edu/swell/grain%20school\\_2019](https://www.uccs.edu/swell/grain%20school_2019)
4. Global Environmental Change, upper level, Special Topics

## 3. Announcements of events

1. Sustainability Summit was a great success!
  - a. Students reported back
2. Sustainability Alumni event Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (5.30-7.30pm)
  - a. For alumni, to introduce Brandon (new project manager)
  - b. Communicate news, sustainability fund established
  - c. 40 people already signed up
  - d. Need more minors in sustainability development minor
3. December 7<sup>th</sup>, Cookbook Friday with Holiday Baking (everyone welcome to peek in 10am – 2pm)
4. Grain School Public Forum, Saturday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> (6-10pm): [https://www.uccs.edu/swell/grain%20school\\_2019](https://www.uccs.edu/swell/grain%20school_2019) and to sign up: [https://www.uccs.edu/swell/Public\\_Forum](https://www.uccs.edu/swell/Public_Forum) after Dec 18
5. Foodshed Forum, Feb 22<sup>rd</sup> (for more information contact Sean Svette at [ssvette@uccs.edu](mailto:ssvette@uccs.edu))