

## January 28, 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes:

### Attending:

Nanna Meyer, Joel Tonyan, Kimberly Reeves, Linda Kogan, Robin Maragolin, Suzanne Cook, Katherine Larson, Carole Huber, Maggie Gaddis, Niki Juhl, Nancy Moore, Julie Weller, Tracy Gonzalez-Padron, Brandon Bishop, Jeff Spicher, Amy Wanek, George Cheney, Cynthia Norton, Sean Svette

### Meeting Minutes:

1. *Upcoming Public Events related to energy and Carole's senior seminar class for students minoring in Sustainability (Carole)*
  - a. Mon Apr 8 – Science on Tap – scientist from National Jewish discussing health effects of coal-fired power plant with focus on Martin Drake
  - b. Tues Apr 9 – Julia Kasdorf and Steven Rubin, faculty Penn State University, “Shale Play” 1:40-4:20 @ Heller or Ent
    - i. Most likely Heller due to cost of Ent Center
    - ii. Cindy suggested U Hall lecture hall/gen. ed. classroom
    - iii. Tracy suggests that Carole's students to put in a funding request for Daniels Fund support
  - c. Carole will also send out advocacy opportunities for Martin Drake power plant/future sustainability energy planning for city
2. *Grain School Debrief (Nanna)*
  - a. 4th Grain School: very successful, 150 attendees
  - b. Event Services, dining services, health sciences, nursing, all offered great support
  - c. Already planning for 5th year
  - d. Will announce top 20 varieties of grain next year, production will be scaled up accordingly
  - e. Colorado Grain Chain, in two workshops, farmers, bakers, millers formed new organization with support from Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
  - f. Lots of focus around biodiversity in the food system, particularly in Mexico
  - g. Grain forms 80% of our diet, even amongst meat eaters
  - h. Nanna is looking for campus collaborators for Grain School
    - i. Getting too big for current planners alone
    - ii. Needs communication team to help with marketing, advisor outreach so more know and can advise students to take Grain School
    - iii. Needs more students too: currently around 20 UCCS students, 40 community students and 60 collaborators and around 20 staff. ideally 50-120 UCCS and community students would take the class for credit (capacity is maxed out at 200)
3. *Foodshed Forum (Nanna)*
  - a. Working with Livewell Colorado
  - b. Theme is farm to institution
  - c. Forging relationships between institutional food service and the regional farming community
  - d. Friday, February 22nd, 7:30am start with breakfast, talks, Rebecca Jewett from The Palmer Land Trust will present the agricultural regions along the two Southern CO watersheds – Arkansas and Rio Grande rivers and highlight importance of regional

agricultural support through institutional purchasing. Becca Jablonski; Professor at CSU Fort Collins will focus on food systems and gaps we have in Colorado. Nanna will talk about her research and the four short documentaries looking at farm to institution (preschools, hospitals, higher ed), launching the trailer. This project is supported by UCCS Student Success!

- e. Taking place at Berger Hall. Sean Svette is main organizer and leader of the event with financial support from LiveWell Colorado, the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, and SGA.
  - f. Good for UCCS because it positions UCCS as leader in the region for local purchasing and shows commitment to Southern Colorado
  - g. George's Communication and Sustainability class will again have a student team working with the Forum, and George will be one of a group of facilitators for the event."
4. *Updates from Working Groups*
- a. Academic & Research
    - i. Still looking for a date/location for UN Goals workshop
    - ii. Also producing a list of sustainability resources in the area for classes
    - iii. Tracy suggests looking at the Sustainability Literacy site
      - 1. David Havlick can provide a sign-in if you reach out to him
      - 2. Ties in with UN Sustainability Goals
    - iv. Linda has concerns about sustainability flagged courses, need more robust discussions about climate in the classroom; students need climate literacy; perhaps academic group could pursue ways to improve this
      - 1. Niki Juhl says that COMPASS has money for professional development
    - v. Also, Linda has concerns about the Sustainable Development minor and why participation is dropping in the minor
      - 1. Do we need to talk to advisors?
      - 2. Better marketing?
      - 3. New name for minor?
        - a. Brandon mentioned research on Gen Z's responses to key terms.
      - 4. Better presentation at Majors and Minors fair?
      - 5. There will be a series of follow-up conversations about labeling, framing, and marketing of the interdisciplinary minor.
  - b. Engagement & Advocacy
    - i. Looking at ways to make Ent Center more "sustainable", including better signage, etc.
    - ii. Engaging with College of Education
  - c. Operations
    - i. Meeting with Chuck Litchfield, Campus CFO
5. *Updates from Office of Sustainability (Linda and Kimberly)*
- a. Colorado College Sustainability Council Meeting
    - i. Roughly 55 people in attendance, half were students, 4-5 staff members, 5-6 faculty members, 5 community members
    - ii. Provost Alan Townsend, spoke to the council about his vision for CC's engagement in climate change moving forward, where he thinks we are now, and where we could be, and how does the CSC fit into all of this and engaged in a long dialogue and Q & A with the students. Alan is a climate scientist who worked at CU Boulder and NSTAR.

- iii. Linda has been a part of the CC council for about 6 years and it has been very effective on many different levels. **I would like to suggest that we bring in more students to our UCCS committee** as they are the reason we are here and provide different important perspectives. Perhaps committee members can invite students who might be interested to our next meeting.
    - 1. Carole will ask SEAS students to join us. We are focusing on climate change and Martin Drake (as well as straws).
  - iv. Linda also thinks it would be good to have a couple of community members that can provide different perspectives.
  - b. Discuss campus sustainability—any updates from Cerian/GAF funded project
6. *Campus Sustainability Award Nomination (Joel)*
- a. We need to send out nomination info on Faculty-I and staff-I
  - b. Received one nomination already
  - c. Nominations will be due March 1<sup>st</sup>

Next Meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019