

February 25, 2019 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes:

Attending:

Nanna Meyer, Joel Tonyan, Robin Maragolin, Suzanne Cook, Carole Huber, Maggie Gaddis, Niki Juhl, Nancy Moore, Julie Weller, Tracy Gonzalez-Padron, Brandon Bishop, George Cheney, Amy Wanek, Cynthia Norton, Sean Svette, Margaret Scott

- 1. Sustainable Development Minor name change discussion (Carole and George)**
 - a. Conagher, SEAS officer attending
 - i. Almost didn't do Sustainable Development Minor because of name, off putting, worried that it would be more business oriented
 - ii. Was glad to find out that the minor is truly environmentally focused
 - iii. Appreciated the individualized nature of the minor
 - iv. Other SEAS student didn't realize that the minor would be useful; thought it would be engineering focused
 - v. Searched for "Sustainability Minor"
 - b. Overall feeling is that the name is discouraging enrollment
 - c. However, it's difficult to development a name that captures the three pillars of sustainability
 - d. "Tracy feels that "Equity is more marketable to businesses = "Equity"
 - e. What about just calling it the "Sustainability Minor"?
 - f. One of the difficulties of the minor is that it's difficult to find sustainability related classes in business
 - i. Could sustainability be better integrated into intro business/engineering classes?
 - g. Should we bring Academic Advising to a meeting and discuss the benefits/features of the minor?
 - h. Are their relevant certifications that could come with the minor?
 - i. Could we add more info the website to make it attractive? Featured alumni, tracts for different emphases
 - j. *Action Items:*
 - i. Speak with David (Carole)
 - ii. Academic Team look at certificate/tracts, where to place certificate, undergrad vs between undergrad and grad, what courses would prepare you for certificate exam?
 - iii. Engagement Team look at website
 - iv. Invite Advising to future meeting once these changes are made?
 - v. Timeline:
 1. Can we get the name change approved this month? Due in March.
 2. Subteams will discuss in April their initial work
- 2. Report on which of eight potential community clients students in George's "Communication, Sustainability and Social Responsibility" class are working with (George)**
 - a. 1) COS Utilities: review of and recommendations of Conservation and Environmental Center, especially re: messaging about water
 - b. 2) City of COS, Water Resources Engineering Division: Review of and recommendations for stormwater education and messaging.

- c. 3) Pikes Peak Foodshed Forum: Assistance at, systematic observation of, and recommendations for emergent organizational network as well as future events
 - d. 4) Trails and Open Space Coalition: Research on and recommendations for establishment of two new Friends groups for open spaces near campus
 - e. 5) Bike COS: Development of a multi-faceted communication and outreach plan
 - f. 6) COS Food Rescue, Soil Cycle Program: Develop impact assessment materials towards outreach, education, and enhanced participation
 - g. 7) Concrete Couch: Research on comparisons with other similar initiatives/organizations; recommendations for website development and social media outreach program
 - h. 8) UCCS Sustainability Office: Further development of communication/marketing plan, focused on student outreach.
 - i. *See the attached document provided by George Cheney*
 - j. Could one of these groups help us with the marketing for the minor?
3. **Pikes Peak Foodshed Forum** (Nanna)
- a. Updates from Forum
 - i. 130 in attendance
 - ii. George's students' work was invaluable for improving the Forum this year
 - iii. Livewell Colorado was a partner and helped get the word out to attendees; helped with logistics
 - b. Presentations on farm to institution procurement, food hub literacy, institutional literacy
 - c. Local food procurement next steps
 - d. Trying to build a Southern Colorado model that can inspire the rest of the state
4. **Campus Strategic Planning discussion** (Everyone)
- a. Townhalls on Monday, March 11, 8:30 to 10:00am, 10:30am to noon, 4:00 to 5:30pm, Berger Hall
 - b. Must RSVP by March 4 to rsvp@uccs.edu