

January 27 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Joel Tonyan, Christine Biermann, Cindy Norton, Kimberly Reeves, Bethan Keith, Nanna Meyer, Nancy Moore, Amy Wanek, Brandon Goldstein, Suzanne Cook, Niki Juhl, Brittany Almeida, Marcus Ornelas, Margo Pengilly, Sudhansu Semwal

• **Announcements/Updates**

- Office of Sustainability
 - CU Presidents Sustainable Solutions Challenge
 - Students from each campus pitch a challenge
 - Winner from each campus wins a \$1,000
 - Present at grand night pitch night on Earth Day (April 22)
 - Announcement is going out this week
 - Thursday, Feb. 20 – 2-5pm, info session
 - March 9, registration closes
 - March 12, 2-5pm, pitch workshop
 - April 1, proposals are due
 - April 7, 4-7pm UCCS pitch night
 - April 22, CU boulder, grand pitch
 - Earth Day, Wednesday April 8, Earth Day Festival with Student Life
 - 10-1, West Lawn
 - Creek Cleanup, April 17, 9:30 to 11:30am
 - Committee Members, Volunteer Admin Hours
 - Just Talk Series, Sustainable Hemp
 - SWELL
 - Grain School just finished
 - Where is Food Next Door Store going?
 - Looking at procurement process
 - Currently limited to \$10,000 annual for alternative procurement
 - Check out Food Journeys on a College Campus promo video on SWELL website
 - Possible Just Talk with Honors Program, Library, SWELL
 - Bethan suggested that students in a marketing class in the College of Business might be able to help with marketing

• **Sustainability Strategic Planning**

- *Where do we stand?*
 - Drafted four core strategies
 - Presented them at Sustainability Summit
 - Formed five working groups
 - Updates from working groups
 - Stakeholder support
 - Joel, Brandon, and Vanessa met

- Joel will present to SGA on Thursday, Jan. 30th
 - Hoping for a resolution from SGA supporting the development of a new Sustainability Strategic Plan
- *Where are we headed?*
 - Public Forum on Monday, February 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Kraemer Family Library 2nd Floor Apse
 - This is an opportunity for the four working groups to start presenting some of their ideas and to see input from the UCCS community
 - Will be marketed via student-l, faculty-l, staff-l, and directly to SGA, Faculty Assembly, Staff Association, and the administration.
 - Developing a public facing Sustainability Strategic Planning website to serve as a place people can go to see the draft plan.
 - Five subgroups should meet prior to the Public Forum and prepare some draft initiatives we can present during the forum. I would like to see at least four or five initiatives from each subgroup.
 - Lengthy discussion about how to best proceed
 - It was suggested that we reach out to administration directly before putting out the public call for additional members for each of the five working groups
 - Committee unanimously voted to contact administration, including Chancellor Reddy, VCs, and AVCs
 - Joel volunteered to draft an email to the administration, to be sent out in the next week
 - Joel will share the draft to those who attended the meeting for feedback