

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018

Attendees: Niki Juhl, Cindy Norton, Margaret Scott, Laura Heineman, Kimberly Reeves, Abbey Hegner, Emily Mooney, Amy Klocko, Tracy Gonzales-Padron, Janel, Owens, Linda Kogan, Carole Huber, Emily Garberding, Nanna Meyer

Guest: Nina Polok, Bachelor of Innovation

Minutes

1. Sustainability & Climate Action Awareness and Commitment: continued work ahead!

- a. "We are still in"...Carole – staff, students, Linda's document (ACUPAC commitment already in place; however, campus wide commitment for "We are still in" continues with staff and students and communication to chancellor)

2. Bachelor of Innovation in Sustainability: Nina Polok visit

- a. BI is family of degrees, not a major. Majors stay the same. 15 credit hours in area. Innovation core includes 8 courses, which all students have to take. Students pick cross-discipline. Business and engineering are main colleges.
- b. BI is not a department or college. It is an organization...but needs revamping. There are 4 full time instructors in curriculum. All PhD qualified and with academic-business-innovation experience. Innovation core was approved in Compass curriculum.
- c. To get approval for a new BI, a department with either a BA or BS is needed. If a BI major is added and there is a BI in the area already, campus level approval is needed but not of regents.
- d. Trans-disciplinary work: A Sustainability BI is attractive because it would offer students choices and it can capitalize on existing courses. The future of Bachelor degrees is to provide students choices.
- e. Process: department has to be in favor, curriculum chairs need to approve through voting of the faculty. A proforma is needed to show financial impact (adding instructors? resources?). Typically, this was done by projecting by experience going forward.
- f. The BI has 200 alumni so far and currently, 500 students are enrolled. Capstone with team cores are epic experiences...students will learn how to answer real questions. Innovation teams are the key link to getting hired into jobs. Job availability based on majors but BI students earn additional skill sets due to BI's trans-discipline work across colleges. When graduating, BI students walk with college. Biggest major is still computer sciences and business. Music is starting to take off as is Digital film making. Chemistry currently only has 1 student.
- g. Opportunity for BI in Sustainability is GAF, including its RFP experience. BI in Sustainability should most likely be housed in Geography & Environmental Studies. Most realistic timeline is Fall 2019.

3. Proposed new position to Sustainability Office

- a. GAF goes through re-approval in March. As faculty, can we advocate for GAF. Marketing through people who have received funding.
- b. Less operation, more in education.
- c. Office – currently understaffed. 3rd position moved to facilities. GAF coordinator JG is leaving.
- d. Education and Engagement Projects Manager proposal for a new position.
- e. Letter drafted on behalf of the committee to support office or budget request for position. If not staffed it could derail sustainability office.
- f. Managing GAF and projects was not part of sustainability initially.
- g. Classes at the sustainability demo house are also a new addition, not initially planned for.

- h. Compass curriculum should also support the idea of an education and engagement projects manager. Student retention piece in this is an important piece.
- 4. Metro bus passes**
 - a. This will be included on the student ballot in March. The ask will be for the existing Transportation and Safety Fee to be expanded to cover other modes of travel including the Metro Bus. No increase in fees for FY19. In the future may cover modes such as Car share programs, bike share, and more.
 - b. 60% of students know about bus passes, radio ads should help to get the word out
- 5. Cookbook Fridays:**
 - a. Cookbook funded through GAF. Cookbook Fridays occur throughout the spring semester. For more information and how to get involved contact Nanna Meyer at nmeyer2@uccs.edu
- 6. Grain Chain work:**
 - a. Grain School was a big success for UCCS this year. Grain Chain work is becoming a trans-disciplinary platform. For more information see <https://www.uccs.edu/diningservices/swell/grain-school.html>

Next Meeting:

February 26th, 11:30AM-1PM at UCCS Farmhouse