

## **Sustainability Committee Meeting October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Attendees:** David Havlick, Carole Pina, Jeff Spicher, Tracy Gonzales-Padraun, Tom Huber, Carole Huber, Nancy Moore, Devin Moeller, Margaret Scott, Nicole Juhl, Daphne Greenwood, Joel Tonyan, Maria Mullins, Cynthia Norton, Kimberly Reeves, Linda Kogan, Nanna Meyer

### Meeting Minutes

#### **1. Climate Action**

- a. Faculty Resolution to Address Climate Change, Report back from Faculty Assembly (David Havlick will present this at Faculty Assembly)
- b. Climate declaration letter follow up to Chancellor Reddy (“we are still in”) (Carole Huber taking the lead to follow up on email communication with Chancellor Reddy)

2. **Faculty Survey for STARS** (Kimberly Reeves, George Cheney and Joel Tonyan have worked on the surveys which were released with a short and longer survey to be completed by faculty to collect data for STARS and to archive current and past research in sustainability from departments. To explore a simpler way for filtering out the work of faculty in sustainability, Nanna will contact Robyn Marschke to see if there is a way to integrate a check box in Digital Measures for the future. All faculty are encouraged to fill out short and long surveys (reflects also the work of others in the department to facilitate data collection). This is time sensitive.

3. **Dismount Zone update:** Carole Huber, Devyn Moeller, and Jeff Spicher have worked on the issues of dismounting from various non-motorized transportation devices such as bikes, roller boards etc. While more accidents have been reported due to collision with pedestrians, the working group continues to explore issues. Devyn Mueller is also working on a map to detail potential issues, while the Sustainability Office monitors frequency of transportation through bikes, roller boards etc. There appear some issues to clarify, including motorized roller boards and bikes near roads, having to be on the road vs side walk in accident-prone areas. There is also consensus that bike lanes in parking lots are dangerous. The Bicycle Advisory Committee has already drafted a letter to administration to raise awareness of the issues related to dismounting. With greater speeds driven along Austin Bluffs Parkway, the committee also reflected on the recent death of a student while crossing Austin Bluffs. The parkway is gradually becoming a raceway and speed limits should be checked to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other drivers. Cynthia Norton to contact Chief Pino with some safety questions on campus.

#### **4. Events**

- a. Sustainability Summit, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual UCCS Sustainability Summit on Thursday, November 30 from 10-1:00 in UC 303. This is an internal summit in celebration of recent progress in sustainability on campus.
  - Hear from campus members who are taking initiative to make their departments more sustainable

- Get the latest updates on the Compass Curriculum with regard to Sustainability General Education Requirements – New classes being created
- Learn how the Sustainable Development minor has changed
- Hear from students who have completed life changing sustainability projects
- Contribute your ideas on how we continue to move forward together on sustainability at UCCS

*Enjoy a delicious local lunch from Food Next Door and Dining and Hospitality Services. Space will be limited. Please RSVP for lunch*

*at [Tinyurl.com/uccssustainsummit](http://Tinyurl.com/uccssustainsummit)*

- b. **Sustainability Week**, Feb 12-16, 2018: This is an event put on by SEAS and focuses on various aspects of sustainability, including energy transition. This week also includes Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Café Scientifique. More to come.
  - c. **Foodshed Forum**, Feb 24, 2018. UCCS, Green City Coalition (Local Food Working Group) and Colorado Springs Food Policy Advisory Board host the 2018 Foodshed Forum. Sean Svette, MS, RD and Assistant Manager, Sustainability, Wellness & Learning (SWELL) leads this event. More info to come.
5. **Committee members/voting members update** The Sustainability Committee is an advisory committee and not limited by number of members. Faculty are voting members. Current faculty members who have been regularly present at meetings include: *Nanna Meyer (chair), Nicole Juhl, Devyn Mueller, Margaret Scott, David Havlick, Tracy Gonzales-Padraun, Steve Jennings, Tom Huber, Carole Huber, Janel Nichols, Jeff Spicher, Daphne Greenwood, Michael Larkin, and George Cheney.* **Should I have missed anyone please let me know.** We keep this committee inclusive and keep circulating minutes and activities to individuals interested in sustainability who may not be able to make the meeting. We also have staff members who are critical in the link between academic and operational pieces of sustainability. Further, our committee also attracts students, and they represent an important voice of adopting models for behavior change.
6. **Next and last meeting of 2017**
- a. Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at Farmhouse for a local, vegetarian Thanksgiving lunch.