

## **UCCS Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, September 26, 2016 (11.30 AM – 1 PM)

Farmhouse (East of Sustainability Demonstration House on Cragmor Village Drive, closest parking is 103)

### **Attendees:**

Nancy Moore, Student Recruitment

Margaret Scott, Education

Sandra Barry-Lowe, Biology

Kim Reeves, Sustainability Office

David Havlick, Geography and Environmental Studies, Sustainability Minor

Cynthia Norton, Environment and Safety

Daphne Greenwood, Economics

April Lanotte, UCCS Teach, Green Action Fund

Steve Jennings, Geography and Compass Curriculum

Joel Tonyan, Library, Geography Liaison, Team Green

Emily Mooney, Biology

Janel Owens, Chemistry

Jennie Satre, SEAS and undergrad student

Carol Huber, Geography

Nanna Meyer, Health Sciences

### **Priorities:**

#### *Past priorities – carrying forward*

- Sustainability minor (to be submitted to C&R)
- Bylaws (approved by faculty assembly)

#### *New Priorities - Going forward*

##### **1. Sustainability of sustainable processes, programs (brought up by several)**

- a. Ensure we strengthen committee's actions, processes, and advisory capacity in sustainability matters when transitioning to new administration. AAUP currently has 50-60 faculty.
- b. Campus Development: Baseball fields and field house are in planning stage, targeted for north campus open space, right in middle of 3 trails. Area is used for research, teaching, recreation and is an important place for campus. Currently there is no mechanism in place that allows this or other committees and faculty to comment early in the process.
  - i. What is the planning process now? Is it state law? Regents? Campus-specific?
  - ii. All state buildings have to be LEED certified. GOLD is what we need to meet.
  - iii. LEED points available for location? (Janel will tackle this)
  - iv. See communicate for recent updates on possible changes in administration and/or Regents.

2. **Dining and Hospitality Services (brought up by several):** Catering composting questions. Can catering bring a compost bin to catered events? Auxiliary and general fund custodial (general fund will not be picked up by custodial staff). 4 composting bins in various places across campus. To address catering composting, a GAF project may need to be put in place? Kim will follow up with Daphne? Nanna to inquire with Dining and Hospitality Services to see if trash can be separated at catered location.
3. **Parking for custodial staff (social justice issue, Carole Huber):** University should support reduced price parking (4 AM to 12PM on campus), given the very low salaries for Custodial Staff. State law constrains what can be done with parking fees. Perhaps evening or weekend rates? Perhaps a campus support to shuttle custodians up and down from four diamond might work. Committee for Staff Association. Cynthia will follow up.
4. **Humanities course email with controversies (Joel).** Library may be good place to provide opportunities for follow-up discussions about academic freedom, climate change science and policy, etc. (Joel will follow up).
5. **Events (Sustainovate! Kim), Workshop** information from 2016..., perhaps some can be introduced into city planning since workshop was about active and sustainable transport. Perhaps workshop outcomes could link to master planning to solve the big problem of getting students, faculty and staff around on a spread out campus. Kim will follow up.
6. **Curriculum (Nanna). Ideas to develop a Professional Science Masters (PSC) curriculum for Regional Food Systems** or similar, using a trans-disciplinary model with a large internship/practicum component and flexibility for professionals. Will need a working group with step 1) identification what is being taught and what could be cross-listed as graduate course, 2) what practica currently exist? and 3) who is interested in collaboration, 4) how can this expand to regional/southwest opportunities in food system and ecosphere studies, integrating sustainability and health 5) what is the job market? Recent advances at the Land Institute point toward the integration of humanities and spirituality to expand the human experience in ecosystem and sustainability sciences. Similar needs exist in Health Sciences. (Contact Nanna if you are interested. Curriculum connections are currently being made with other Southwestern Universities such as University of Arizona).

Next Meeting October 31st, 2016

Location: Farmhouse

Lunch included

#### *Proposed Agenda*

1. Updates from previous discussions
2. Updates from committee
3. Preparing for change in leadership
4. Sustainovate Workshop
5. Professional Science Masters Trans-Disciplinary Curriculum
6. Others