

Sustainability Committee
27 October 2014 Meeting Agenda
11:30 am – 1:00 pm • EPC 304C

Attended: Cindy Norton, Kevin Gilford, Dena Samuels, Rebecca Webb, Kimberly Reeves, Matthew Driftmier, Carole Huber, Steve Jennings, Margaret Scott, Margaret Harris, Joel Tonyan, Nanna Meyer, David Havlick (chair), Tom Huber, Janel Owens

1. Brief Announcements
 - CU students can host UCCS students who wish to attend the Bioneers Conference in Boulder, Nov. 7-9
 - Feb. 7, 2015: possibility of a Food Forum coming to UCCS, emphasis on creating a local food shift

2. SUDV Minor Requirements
 - Discussed a variety of scenarios for revising the existing minor in Sustainable Development, including:
 - o Using Climate Change/Disruption as the overriding framework for the minor
 - o Using CC/D as one of a number of themes of concentration for the minor
 - o The merits of creating an Intro to Sustainability course for the minor, and to benefit the Compass Curriculum
 - Themes for the minor could flow from this Intro course, including: Climate, Food and Health, etc.
 - Some questioning whether we have the resources and courses enough to support multiple themes within the minor
 - Also, how many themes would be the right number?
 - Merits of a minor vs. certificate program in Sustainability
 - o Cert could potentially accommodate graduate students and community members
 - o Minor is more extensive, certificate often just requires 4 courses
 - o Unclear what the rules are for certificates. US Dept of Ed weighing in on this?
 - What models currently exist for thoughtful programs in sustainability?
 - o Homework assignment for committee members to research existing programs that could serve as a model and/or existing introductory courses in Sustainability or Sustainable Development (bring results back for discussion at next meeting)
 - How would sustainability courses affect departments' FTEs?
 - o Concern raised about GES in particular: would the department benefit or be harmed (or neither) by a new Intro to Sustainability course?

3. Discussion of opportunity to get involved with Carbon Divestment effort targeting CU Regents and upcoming meeting at UCCS (Nov. 19-20)
 - Is there a pro-investment message available too (i.e. positive investment strategies to promote sustainability, not just negative to avoid carbon-heavy corporations)

1:05 pm Adjourned