

Sustainability Committee Report

Date: February 11, 2014

Members Present: Linda Kogan, Kevin Gilford (Office of Sustainability), Cynthia Norton (Environmental Health and Safety), Russell Saunkeah (Dining & Food Services), Pamala Sawyer (School of Public Affairs), Sara Santa-Cruz (SEAS President), and Janel Owens (Committee Chair, Chemistry and Biochemistry)

Meeting topics:

I. Welcome

II. Announcements

1. UCCS Unplugged was held Thursday, February 6th, in housing (9 – 11 pm). Used as a kick-off event for Campus Conservation National, an educational campaign focused on conservation. Had great attendance!
2. Dr. Heather Hackman is visiting UCCS on Wednesday (2/12) and Thursday (2/13) to discuss the incorporation of climate change, social equity, and sustainability into the curriculum. Please consider attending the last meeting, Thursday, on **Climate Justice** from 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the UCCS Kraemer Family Library Apse (3rd floor).
3. Campus Sustainability Award announcement to go out soon.

III. Sustainnovation

1. The second annual Sustainnovation celebration is currently being planned.
2. Theme for this year: food at UCCS and the local food movement.
3. Scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th, from 9:30 am – 8:30 pm (see attached flyer)
4. Event will feature several panels: Local farmers; students; new UCCS food service panel
5. Food will be provided through the Good Food Initiative.
6. For more information: www.uccs.edu/~sustain/

IV. Climate Advisory Board

1. Next meeting on Monday, 2/17, to finalize broad goals and action steps for the next two years

VI. Office of Sustainability news

1. Report for STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, & Rating System) is due by February 28th. UCCS was awarded a silver rating in its last submission and the goal is to move to a gold rating.

2. February 28th deadline to be considered in the Sierra Club 'Cool Schools' list and in Princeton Review's Green Schools list

VII. Green Action Fund

1. Solar cart is here and is being shared by Office of Sustainability and the Greenhouse

VIII. Food at UCCS

1. A huge welcome to Mark Hayes, the new Director of Dining and Food Services at UCCS!

2. Mark will begin at UCCS on March 3rd

3. Check out the Dining and Food Services website at:

<http://www.uccs.edu/~diningservices/>

Next meeting time: (Tentatively) March 11, 2014 from 11:00 – 12:30 pm