

Sustainability Committee Report

Date: April 15, 2014

Members Present: Linda Kogan, Kevin Gilford (Office of Sustainability), Carole Huber, David Havlick (Geography), Cynthia Norton (Environmental Health and Safety), Russell Saunkeah (Dining and Food Services), Margaret Harris (Sports Nutrition) and Janel Owens (Committee Chair, Chemistry and Biochemistry)

Meeting topics:

I. Welcome

II. Campus Sustainability Award

Nanna Meyer, Associate Professor in the Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences (Sports Nutrition) is the 2014 Campus Sustainability Award winner. Congratulations Nanna and very well deserved!

III. Dining and Food Services (Russell Saunkeah)

A. Two graduate students (through Prof. Nanna Meyer), Sara Santa Cruz and Andrea Vanderwoude, will be working on nutrition/sustainability aspects of food service. Involved in recipe testing & local food sourcing.

B. First visible menu change on Tuesday, June 3rd at Clyde's and Jazzman's

C. Coffee tasting at The Lodge, April 24th

D. Sous chef finalist has been offered a position (with verbal acceptance) and now going through paperwork of hiring

E. Student job fair was helped on April 14th and more student workers are needed

F. Sustainability Office will be supporting the Dining and Food Service team and help with educational campaigns, etc.

G. Over summer school, the following venues will be open: Clyde's, Jazzman's (under a new name), Columbine, and The Lodge (the latter will open at variable times per conference service needs)

IV. Sustainable Development Minor (David Havlick)

A. Compass Curriculum

1. Excited to have Professor Steve Jennings (Geography) as the new Sustainability Chair for the Compass Curriculum program – welcome!!!
2. Please note that the Knapsack Institute (June 12 – 14, for details: afferber@uccs.edu) will host Dr. Heather Hackman in a partnership with the Compass Curriculum to help faculty develop courses that include sustainability. Other topics: how to incorporate more writing, knowledge in action, and inclusiveness content.
3. Steve will be working to approve courses for transfer students and to approve new sustainability-flagged courses submitted by UCCS faculty
4. Currently, 30 – 35 courses have been approved, but need to look at how many slots are available in each course

B. Courses for the Sustainable Development Minor

1. Minor needs to be re-invigorated and look to the Compass Curriculum for new courses
2. David Havlick has a few ideas for developing new interest in the minor (new introductory course, re-examine current courses listed, rename tracks) and this will continue to be worked on in the coming months

V. Green Action Fund

A. Professor David Havlick will be the new faculty representative (to replace Professor Carole Huber)

B. Recently funded projects:

1. GOCA: Destiny Manifest
2. Garden: raised beds, high tunnels, vegetable washing station, skateboard stand (Dock Your Deck)

VI. Sustainnovation re-cap

- A. Event went well and feedback on what was liked and what needs improvement is always appreciated.
- B. Need to book for next year and pick a new theme.

VII. Office of Sustainability News

A. April 25th, 11 – 1 is Clean the Waterway (partnering with GOCA)

B. Cardboard baling is going well – please make sure to put cardboard next to recycling containers so that it can be baled and sent away

VIII. New business

A. Really need to examine the role of the Sustainability Committee and what we hope to do in the coming year(s)

B. How does the work of the Sustainability Committee support the Strategic Plan initiatives or the Climate Advisory Board work?

C. We need more faculty and staff committee members! Please see attached announcement for a get-together for Thursday, May 1st from 5 – 7 pm at Clyde's for an informal meet & greet