

Sustainability Committee Report

Date: May 11, 2012

Members Present: Kevin Gilford and Linda Kogan (Office of Sustainability), David Havlick, Carole Huber, Tom Huber (Department of Geography and Environmental Studies), Nanna Meyer (Health Sciences), Cynthia Norton (Department of Public Safety – EH&S), Janel Owens (Committee Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry), Carson Bennett (Department of English), Sally von Breton (College of Business), Chris Frakes (Department of Philosophy)

Meeting topics:

I. Chris Frakes and Carson Bennett are leaving UCCS – we wish them well in their future paths!

II. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry: Research Experiences for Undergraduates – Green Chemistry in Colorful Colorado (PI, Sonja Braun-Sand and Co-PI Allen Schoffstall) – will need some assistance from sustainability folks

III. Students in the Sustainable Development minor capstone course recently presented their semester work (May 4th) – reports will soon be available through Sustainable Development minor website.

- a. Team 1 focused on transportation issues and recommended implementation of a carpooling pilot program
- b. Team 2 focused on the potential for developing a living/learning community around sustainability. Project was re-focused towards energy retrofits to the Bachelor of Innovation home, Ulrich House.
- c. Perhaps need to re-think when the capstone is taught. Junior year? This way, students in the course would have time to implement proposed programs.

III. SEAS Garden

- a. Student interns will be working on the garden this summer
- b. Still determining how produce from the garden can be sold to meet food safety requirements.
- c. Hoping to include information about the garden in orientation meetings for incoming students
- d. Workshops will be offered this summer related to gardening – more information soon.

IV. Recycling day at UCCS

- a. Saturday, April 28th
- b. Comprehensive recycling day called “Colorado Springs Recycles at UCCS” in Lot 12 at Nevada Ave.

V. Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences

- a. Groundbreaking on June 21st

- b. Focus on integrated wellness and health assessment
- c. Nanna reported on the proposed building plans

VI. Office of Sustainability news

- a. Linda Kogan and Brent Botts will be teaching a freshman seminar section, “Sustainable Me”
- b. Holding a volunteer recognition event to thank the 70+ volunteers for their 350 hours of work over this past academic year
- c. Will be hosting a Waste Management intern to improve rates of recycling and composting on campus
- d. Hoping to get more students involved next year in the Office, including those just starting out at UCCS

VII. Janel will be serving as chair again next year.

Next meeting: Next academic year