

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes

Nov 27, 2017

Attendees: Niki Juhl, Nancy Moore, Cynthia Norton, Kimberly Reeves, Tom Huber, Carole Huber, Linda Kogan, Nanna Meyer

1. Climate Action

- a. UCCS Faculty Assembly passed climate resolution 30-0 vote. Great success and encouraging affirmation of our campus commitment to sustainability. Dave Havlick suggests to also join the current state-wide effort among colleges and universities. Cynthia to circulate resolution to staff listserve.
- b. There is significant concern about the overall commitment of the University to sustainability. The committee discussed having a follow-up exchange with the chancellor about the “We Are Still In” campaign with an offer from our committee to work with him on meeting our ACUPCC goals.
- c. Due to Nanna’s role in the Food Service Transition some key leaders leaving the campus, it is critical to connect with Chancellor Reddy to explain better the food service transition to deepen the understanding of the impacts this transition may have on sustainability and health, academically and operationally, and that the Sustainability Strategic Planning process will need campus-wide collaboration and commitment.

2. Dismount Zones at UCCS

- a. Chief Pino joined the Sustainability Committee’s meeting and gave a great background on the dismount zone issue and the perceived increased risk of accidents on behalf of those using alternative transportation. The current dismount zone falls under campus parking rules and regulations. Some regulations are old, such as the fact that roads rule over sidewalks for bikes etc. While dismount zones are posted, they are not 100% enforced. The thought is that the campus community observes these zones at least 50% of the time, and thus, less accidents may happen. Unfortunately, none of these processes have been based on evidence, and there are certain concerns that these policies may reduce the commitment to alternative transportation (the more physically active and sustainable ones...) which are then further marginalized. There is also a continued risk of using parking lots as bike paths and the notion that cars have greater privileges over bikes. Thus, the committee recommends that more data be collected that could show where and how accidents occur on campus. This would include police reports, documenting the accidents everywhere, including parking lots. Further, it would be helpful to understand the cause of accidents when an individual reports to the health center after a collision on campus. The discussion around dismount zones should continue as the campus is growing. Bike lanes should become more designated and the campus should consider greater commitment to alternative modes of transportation. The committee suggested that Chief Pino draft a Memo in writing that helps to remind campus

planners that all future construction of sidewalks be designed to be wide enough to accommodate bikes and boards.

- b. The city's bike masterplan should also be incorporated and let campus and city plans align. It was also discussed that a bike GAF project could perhaps be considered with respect to sustainable transport (not only biking).
- 3. Compass curriculum:**
 - a. There is a need for Steve Jennings' replacement during his sabbatical. A tenured faculty is preferred. If anyone is interested please let Steve Jennings know.
 - 4. New Building Projects:**
 - a. New policy on campus provides opportunity for a campus forum held prior to construction projects take place. While the forum may be helpful, leadership is not required to agree to the comments/suggestions that come from these hearings. However, it is intended to create a better process that can steer projects to address the interests and concerns to campus members BEFORE major projects start. It will be critical for the campus community and the committee to be aware of this process, especially as the campus grows. The committee will pick this back up in January.
 - 5. Faculty Survey for STARS (Kimberly Reeves)**
 - a. Survey concluded. Thanks for those who have participated.
 - 6. Sustainability Summit (Linda Kogan)**
 - a. Great success and likely to continue on an annual basis.
 - 7. Farmhouse Holiday Heritage Grain Cookie Baking**
 - a. Dec 8th 12-4pm (starts with lunch at 12pm)
 - 8. Winter CSA to UCCS (contact Nanna Meyer if interested at nmeyer2@uccs.edu)**
 - a. **\$100 per share (\$25 per week)**
 - i. January 19, February 2, 16, March 2
 - ii. **NEW PICK UP LOCATION: UCCS Farmhouse: Fri 3:45-5:45pm**
 1. Potatoes, Garlic, Winter Squash, Carrots, Beets, Mushrooms, Quinoa, Cornmeal, Beans, *eggs, cheese, honey, beef and pork (in italic items will cost extra)*
 2. All Local, All Organic
 - 9. 2018 Committee meeting times (Nanna Meyer)**
 - a. Jan 29, Feb 26, March 26, April 30

Happy Holidays.