

Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda October 2nd, 2017

Attendees: Nancy Moore, Haley Dinkel, Abbey Hepner, Niki Juhl, Emily Moore, Amy Klocko, Devyn Mueller, Carole Pina, Maggie Gaddis, Jeff Spicher, David Havlick, Tracy Gonzales-Padron, Tom Huber, Linda Kogan, Carole Huber, Kimberly Reeves, Nanna Meyer

Minutes

Welcome: New Members

1. Campus Climate Action Research Commitment

- a. Carole Huber, along with David Havlick, have been the committee's voice for climate action and dedicated to obtaining greater support from the administration for a greater campus commitment on behalf of the committee. Based on this summer's response from the administration to a Climate Declaration letter, "We are still in", sent by Carole on behalf of the committee, whilst positive, the committee agreed to follow up at Faculty Assembly, submitting a resolution, similar to what was adopted by the Boulder Faculty Assembly's Resolution to Address Climate Change. This will be done by David Havlick. Carole will follow up on the "We are still in" and CU's mission/vision statement.

2. Faculty survey regarding sustainability and sustainability practices for STARS

- a. While data collection on sustainability courses is now relatively well covered by the Compass curriculum, the committee supports a further, more detailed assessment (through survey) of the integration of sustainability in courses and research among faculty and calls on department champions to help collect the data. The benefit of this is multifold: 1) to get departments to exchange and share what is being done in sustainability and 2) to support data collection for the Sustainability Office's STARS report. We hope that as many faculty will participate. This working group is directed by George Cheney.

3. Dismount Zone

- a. UCCS has instated various dismount zones across campus to reduce the risk of collisions through bikes and long boards with each other or pedestrians. While the risk is significant, according to Jeff Spicher, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, an extensive dismount zone will most likely discourage students from riding their bicycles or long boards.
- b. The Bicycle Advisory Committee, BAC, has already submitted a note of concern to the Associate Vice Chancellor, Gary Reynolds and Vice Chancellor, Sentwali Bakari.
- c. The Sustainability Committee may consider to follow up with a note from the committee, including some voices of students and perspectives of the committee's representatives of Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The committee will review the current dismount zone map and obtain input from various areas regarding potential hotspots where dismount makes sense, while challenging others that may discourage students from using their alternative transportation and getting around fast on a stretched-out campus. Devyn Mueller will take the lead.

4. Continued awareness building regarding sustainability initiatives on campus

- a. To continue to build awareness around the sustainable practices, coursework, research, and extracurricular outreach, the committee will continue to position the farmhouse, farm, and sustainability demonstration house as welcoming places to learn more about sustainability on campus. Currently, it is planned to host the Deans' council, followed by recruiters and advisors. Nanna leads this effort.

5. UCCS Sustainability Office Strategic Planning process.
 - a. With position changes, it is somewhat unclear how the future focus of the Office of Sustainability will unfold. Should the current unfilled position transition away from sustainability, it may mean that the purpose of the office will need to be revisited. The committee advised the office to research other similar programs in the University's Comparison group, as well as globally, to present some alternative models of not only the office's reporting structure but also its academic/educational and leadership focus. More to come from the Sustainability Office, Linda and Kimberly.
6. Others
 - a. The committee welcomes several new individuals! Thank you for joining and voicing your interest to work on campus sustainability matters. Some points were raised regarding composting and greater student involvement.
 - b. The committee also serves as a platform for sharing resources. Two current course flyers are circulating for spring semester.
 - c. Next Meeting is October 30th, at farmhouse from 11.30-1PM, starting with lunch. If you like to donate some of your own garden produce or cooking skills please contact Nanna (nmeyer2@uccs.edu).