

# Sustainability Committee Report

Date: September 9, 2011

Members Present: Linda Kogan, Kevin Gilford (Office of Sustainability), Rob Dougherty (Facilities Services), David Havlick, Tom Huber, Carole Huber (Department of Geography), and Janel Owens (Committee Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry)

Meeting topics:

## I. Welcome

## II. Plans for Upcoming Year

### a. Continue with three sub-committees:

1. Greening the campus
2. Food
3. Curriculum

b. Committee members felt that the three sub-committees were effective in achieving goals established for AY 2010 – 2011 and should be continued in the upcoming AY 2011 – 2012.

c. Seeking potential grant opportunities and collaboration on grants was well received by committee members. Grant opportunities may include:

1. Department of Education grant (David Havlick will have details)
2. Herman Frasch Fund for Chemical Research Grants in Agricultural Chemistry ([www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org); Janel Owens has details)
3. SARE grants (<http://www.sare.org/State-Programs/Grant-Summaries-by-State>; JRJ has details)

## III. Campus master plan

a. Tom Huber and Carole Huber attended the open forum for the master planning process (UC Theatre, 9/8/11 at 5:30 pm).

b. Presentation of preliminary findings concerning landscape, land use, with preliminary sketches of where things will go

c. Discussed plans for Main Campus, North Campus (near Nevada), and East Campus (U Hall)

d. Goals:

1. Respect natural campus features
2. Create a tight-knit academic core
3. Create campus destinations
4. Develop a connector between North Campus and Main Campus (go gondolas!)

5. Pikes Peak, The Bluffs, and Pulpit Rock to serve as visual anchors

e. Concerns:

1. Very little faculty involvement in plan thus far
2. Schedule of future meetings?
3. Website to showcase plans?
4. Sustainable energy plan?

#### IV. Food Committee

a. Janel Owens is serving on the Food Services and Dining Committee (chaired by Susan Spzyrka)

b. Sustainability Committee voiced:

1. Push for enlarged garden spaces and student salaries to have student workers
2. Ask JRJ to be included in the process as a master gardener and Geography graduate student
3. Develop plans for greenhouses at Heller Property that honor and respect will requirements

#### V. Green the Labs Program at UCCS

a. Denise Sheridan (EH&S), Linda Kogan, Janel Owens, and graduate student Genevieve Kahrilas (Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry) visited CU Boulder to learn of the Green the Labs Program. Met with Kathy Ramirez and Moe Tabrizi during visit.

b. Goals:

1. Establish an EcoLeader model to promote student involvement (create club as well for student funds help)
2. Look at energy and water conservation
3. Look at recycling materials
4. Initiate campaigns throughout the AY (first campaign will be a fume hood sash campaign)

c. Program is supported by Facilities Services, Office of Sustainability, Environmental Health & Safety, and Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

#### VI. Energy Conservation Program

a. Headed by Rob Dougherty and Kevin Gilford

b. Two campaigns: Lowering energy use (fall) and reducing water consumption (spring)

c. See campaign materials soon!

#### VII. Sustainability and Community Theme and All Campus Reads Project

a. Doug Fine (“Farewell My Subaru”) will be speaking on September 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) from 7 – 9 pm. He will be here during the day (10 – 3) to speak and interact with students.

b. His schedule needs to be finalized.

#### VIII. Announcements

a. Geography Honors students will be working on projects related to improving erosion problems on the Bluffs.

b. Nathanael Mooberry (Senator of Sustainability) has requested faculty involvement on the student government committee to allocate student green fee funds for sustainability projects on campus. Carole Huber and David Havlick (alternate) will serve as mentors.

c. 2020 Sustainability Strategic Plan will need to be written this year. There will be four meetings to create this plan between now and the end of April. Members Tom Huber, David Havlick, Kevin Gilford, Janel Owens will be serving. Student voices are requested to be part of this process.

Next meeting: Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 10:30 am, El Pomar Center 304C