



UCCS Campus Sustainability, October 9, 2009 Report to Faculty Assembly

Committee voted unanimously to support the Tobacco Committee in seeking a uniform **25 foot setback for tobacco**

College of Business has formed a student Net **IMPACT chapter**. Student members will assist with all sessions at the November 3rd and 4th Southeastern Colorado

Sustainability Conference. Students will also offer sustainability audits to units on campus prior to offering such audits to businesses in the community.

Two **new sustainability courses** will be offered in the spring. Daryl Prigmore will teach a Physics and Energy Science class in Green Buildings through UCCS Extended Studies. Caron Bennett's three sections of English 141 will focus on sustainability issues.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to add individual and departmental sustainability goals to annual planning documents and assessment programs. Members will seek to add sustainability department/college/individual goals. We hope that all departments will adopt **green meeting/event guidelines**.

Kevin Gilford and Dave Havlick will coordinate programming and speakers for UCCS Radio's "**Green Is the New Red, White, and Blue.**"

Sustainability bulletin board in Columbine will feature information about the Sustainable Development minor.

Campus Sustainability Day, October 21, will offer opportunity to help with campus Adopt a Waterway clean-up project in the Templeton Gap Floodway.

Student efforts for a **campus garden** are encountering one hurdle after another. Committee members are lending support. The roadblocks and negative labels ("*backyard activity*" "*unsightly*") are discouraging.

Two engineering courses are focusing on the campus climate action goals. Courses of P.K. Sen from Colorado School of Mines and a class of Julie Albertson's. Science renovation is aiming for LEED Gold rating.

UCCS earned a 'B' on the **green report card**. See greenreportcard.org Campus participated in pilot STARS rating system for sustainability.

Kevin Gilford reported on the Green Campus conference in Ohio. A major effort is to **integrate campus master planning with climate action**.

GREEN MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Hosting a Sustainable Event: Aligning our actions with our values in a comprehensive commitment to sustainability

There are some simple things we can do to make events, meetings, coffee hour, etc. more earth-friendly. From eliminating disposable plates and utensils to making sure recycle bins are available, there are many ways we can make a difference. General guidelines for hosting a sustainable event online are available through the Environmental Protection Agency. A few of these guidelines are as follows:

- Ensure that all plates, cups and glasses are china or glass (non-disposable). If plastic, they should be washable (biodegradable or compostable is better). Styrofoam should **not** be used under any circumstances.
- Condiments should be served in bulk containers, not individual servings, to save packaging. This includes sugar, creamer, butter, cream cheese, etc.
- Use cloth napkins whenever possible.
- Ensure that recycling bins are present at all functions,
- Print all handouts on two sides using post-consumer recycled paper.
- Consider recycled-content products when making purchases.
- Provide information about recycling options
- Consider donating leftover food to a local food bank.
- Reduce the number of handouts or consider making them available online instead.
- Encourage walking or biking or car-pooling.
- Share this list with organizations who partner with us or caterers who serve food at events and encourage them to also follow sustainable practices.