**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 4) – 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