

Sustainability Meeting Minutes April 3rd, 2017

Attendance: Russ Saunkeah, Margaret Scott, Mark Hayes, Steve Jennings, Kevin Gilford, Nancy Moore, Linda Kogan, Carole Huber, Tracy Gonzales-Padron, Cynthia Norton, Kimberly Reeves, David Havlick, Tom Huber, Nanna Meyer

- 1) The committee discussed the recent visit by Interim Chancellor, Venkat Reddy. There was consensus that these invites to the farmhouse have great potential to enhance awareness regarding sustainability on campus. Venkat seemed to stress the focus on the student on campus. The committee agreed that further visits by others (Deans, recruitment counselors, academic advisors, student ambassadors, new faculty, and others) would help inform and promote engagement. The committee will explore the following:
 - a. dean's breakfast meeting at the farmhouse (will aim for Sept 6th)
 - b. a presence at the counselor's retreat
 - c. course/activity information for advisors
 - d. new faculty reception or presence at the reception (will need to discuss this)

Nancy Moore will provide contacts for counselors, advisors and ambassadors and Nanna Meyer will contact the provost and David Moon, along with Kelli Klebe, regarding the deans and new faculty events. It was also suggested to create an info card on sustainability at UCCS, with location of the Sustainability Demonstration House and Farm/Farmhouse with contact information and a clear message regarding *what makes this place special* and some highlights of course work and extra-curricular activities as well as sustainability accomplishments. It was discussed that it would be beneficial to develop an ongoing schedule along the academic year to continue to promote better communication about and connection to sustainability on campus. There is also a website availability to add more information about sustainability at UCCS but it is unclear who would manage this.

- 2) It was brought to the attention of the committee that the CU Regents will invite input from faculty to brainstorm for the Regents' strategic vision. For more information please see: <https://connections.cu.edu/stories/faculty-council-begins-brainstorming-regents-strategic-vision> Carole Huber is in contact with Regent Shoemaker.
- 3) Sustainability Strategic Plan & Stars report
 - a. Infrastructure is needed for recording data but this appears difficult to develop, especially considering the already overloaded faculty and the optional functionality of Digital Measures. While Digital Measures may be a useful tool to capture sustainability coursework and research, it may prove difficult to have individual faculty add info under the optional areas in the system. Rebecca Marshall is the contact for follow up.
 - b. The committee decided to hold the 2nd part of the sustainability strategic planning workshop on **April 24th** – the committee's last meeting for the academic year. Linda and her staff will send out information for the meeting to

review 1st part and reflect on priorities in 2nd part. The focus of this process is to identify priority areas for sustainability on campus and to assist the office with the STARS report.

4) Curriculum ideas

- a. Curriculum ideas were brainstormed. Nanna communicated the need for more students for SWELL on campus and that the sport nutrition graduate program is not the ideal program to house these graduate student assistants. While a trans-disciplinary curriculum would be a great way to provide innovative academic pathways to professions in sustainability, including food and health, it is unclear how a graduate degree in one department (such as Health Sciences) would allow for class work outside of the college/department (e.g., geography, sociology, business), especially exceeding the usual 2 course maximum (6 to 9 credits). The BI may be the solution on the undergraduate level. Nanna will continue to explore these options on the graduate level but it appears that a new curriculum will first focus on the sustainability and health connection with emphasis in food, while working with departments to provide current undergraduate courses also on the graduate level.

- 5) Molly Mulligan will receive her Sustainability Campus Award on April 26th (4-6pm). Please join us for this celebration to honor Molly's contribution at Berger Hall.