



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
February 22, 2011 meeting

Participants

Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, K-State
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC
Ryan Green, CHSR
Wendy Griswold, CHSR
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, K-State

Welcome, Opening Remarks & Review of the Agenda.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

TASK efforts are ongoing. The Take Charge Challenge is an example of this type of activity.

Sustainability Education

Lisa Harrington is moving forward with the Geography Department leading the development of a Sustainability Certificate. There is a need to move forward setting a meeting to advance the idea.

2011 Sustainability Conference

- Ben Champion provided an update on conference planning. Registration is open < <http://sustainability.k-state.edu/conferences/2011/>>, and they are still accepting sponsors. CESAS is sponsoring as is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Natural Resources Council. Contact Debbie Hagenmaier (debbieh@ksu.edu) or Ben (champion@ksu.edu) if your organization is interested in cosponsoring.
- Several CESAS units at KSU are presenting a Community Sustainability Discussion and Strategy Session. The session will focus on the recent work with the Marysville community. Wendy Griswold requested that CESAS provide a registration scholarship for one Marysville community member to attend the conference. This request was unanimously approved. Wendy will work to identify and register a Marysville community member

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy,"

- Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State: There will be a group meeting on this certificate program in April at South Dakota State University. Several courses will be offered in fall 2011.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- The head of the English Department contacted Ben Champion about opportunities for graduate students to be involved in sustainability activities. One possibility is the ecoliteracy book club. Ben had a similar conversation with Rob Dunn, Modern Language Program. Ben will follow up on this possibility.
- Larry Erickson suggested Consulting the Genius of the Place by Wes Jackson as the next selection for the book club. The plan is to invite Wes Jackson to meet with a discussion group and have a book signing. This book is a good primer for people not familiar with the Land Institute's work.
- Ben suggested that we register the book club as a free UFM class.
- Irma O'Dell will promote next book club meeting through the Leadership Studies listserv.



Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership

This team is applying for supplemental funding from NSF to enhance activities in Nebraska.

Sustainability Seminar Program

- At the last meeting, there was discussion of the need to develop an ongoing sustainability seminar series. Lisa Harrington has talked to Geography Department and there is interest there.
- Two possibilities for a future (January 2012) sustainability seminar intersession are a focus on social sciences/humanities or biobased products/bioenergy.

Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition

- The Take Charge Challenge held the official Manhattan kick off at the recent KU/KSU basketball game. Seven thousand flyers were handed out. Manhattan is currently leading in the light bulb change category.
- Ben is focused on mobilizing Greek community and residence halls. He is currently developing materials for these audiences.
- There is only one home energy auditor in Manhattan. This is a problem for the challenge and for providing these types of services to the community. There is an ongoing training facility in Manhattan that provides energy auditor training courses.

Other

- The Leadership Studies Building was recently awarded gold LEED status.
- We need to begin planning for the Summer DOS or some other summer sustainability activity. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 22, at 3:30 p.m.