



**CESAS Meeting Summary**  
**102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University**  
**April 26, 2011**

**Participants**

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC  
Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State (via teleconference)  
Lisa Harrington, Dept. of Geography, K-State  
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, K-State  
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, K-State  
Kelly Phillips, Hazardous Waste Manager, Environmental Health and Safety, K-State  
Zach Pistora, Students for Environmental Action, K-State  
Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State (via teleconference)  
Stephanie Schiefelbein, Hale Library, K-State  
Jean Waters, University of Omaha at Nebraska (via teleconference)

**Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks**

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Review of the Agenda**

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda and concurred on its content.

**Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK): EPA Proposal for Community Technical Assistance**

- A proposal was submitted to EPA for funding to develop a technical assistance program for communities in EPA regions 5 and 7. To support this initiative, the summer Dialog on Sustainability will focus on sustainable communities.

**Sustainability Education**

- Lisa Harrington discussed her current class, which is a seminar on sustainability technology and methods. She noted that other universities in Kansas are developing coursework and certificates in sustainability

**2011 Sustainability Conference Review**

- The conference was held on March 31. The conference had a lot of good exchange and posters, especially good undergraduate contributions. It was noted that there was a decrease in attendance from last year.

**USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy,"**

- Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State – There was a meeting recently at South Dakota State University on this project. Courses are starting this fall, with three tracks (feed stock, conversion, sustainability). This is a distance education program that targets working professionals.
- January 2012 Intersession Event - Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy is the planned topic for the next intersession event.



### **Eco-literacy Book Club Activities**

- Wes Jackson book - Consulting the Genius of the Place. Wes Jackson has been invited to give a talk on June 17 during the Sustainability Seminar at 8:30 AM. The public is invited to attend this event. Wendy will create a flier to promote this, with help from Becky.

### **Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership**

- This NSF-funded project is moving forward.

### **Sustainability Seminar Program**

- Larry is working on the idea of focusing on the Big Picture as it relates to sustainability of land and ecosystem resources. We are moving from a period of surplus goods to shortage (prices increasing). The January 2011 Intersession will focus on the big picture, the impact of population, development, running out of petroleum and drought conditions. A focus will be on developing presentations valuable for students in the biobased energy program.
- This summer, CHE 670 Sustainability Seminar will be offered at 8:30 on Friday mornings. People are welcome to attend, even if they are not enrolled.

### **Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition**

- The competition continues. SEA efforts include encouraging light bulb switches and attendance at presentations
- Kelly offered to promote the program at the April 30 E-waste recycling event.

### **Summer Event - Dialog on Sustainability or Other Event**

- The focus for the next DOS will be on sustainability in Kansas and community development. The first meeting of the planning committee for this event will be on Thursday, May 5, 1:30PM, in Ward 102.
- Bruce Snead will be invited to the meeting

### **Other**

- April 30 E-waste recycling event: This is a drive thru event located in the west stadium parking lot. Kelly Phillips requested a \$100 donation from CESAS to help support the event. The request was approved.
- University Photo, April 29 – People will gather on the East side of the old stadium to create green and purple earth. Show up at 1:00PM, picture will be taken at 1:30.
- Sunset Zoo, April 30 – The city Earth Day celebration will be held from 12-5PM
- Zach is graduating, new students are up and coming. A new SEA president will be elected next week.
- Bob Willard will be visiting the University of Nebraska on October 12-13. He is the author of *The Business Case for Sustainability*. Jean Waters will provide more information closer to the event.

### **See Important Upcoming Events at**

- <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events/>

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 24, 3:30 PM Central, Ward 102.

During the next meeting, Stephanie will give a presentation on Hale Library's efforts to support sustainability.

**Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!**