



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
May 24, 2011

Participants

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Wendy Griswold, CHSR, KSU (via teleconference)
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services
Stephanie Schiefelbein, Hale Library, KSU
Ellen Urton, Hale Library, KSU

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

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

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- We received word today that the EPA grant was unsuccessful. However, we are planning to move forward with implementing the program by seeking opportunities for LA/RCP students and faculty to provide services to communities related to SmartGrowth.
- Dialog on Sustainability – this summer's dialog will focus on sustainable communities and the planning committee is working to develop an agenda that addresses the needs of communities. More information about the DOS will soon be available at <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/CHSR/sustainability/Dialogs/2011DOS/index.html>
- There are two possible evening DOS events
 - A showing and discussion of the movie, Food Matters. This will be held at 7PM at the Manhattan Public Library (629 Poyntz Avenue). The event is sponsored by the People's Grocery and the discussion will be led by Stephanie Schiefelbein.
 - There will be a Fun Dance square dance party at the Riley County Senior Center at 7:30 (412 Levenworth).

Sustainability Education

- Lisa Harrington welcomes ideas on the effort to develop sustainability certificate program. Those present expressed interest in having a meeting to advance this effort.
- Library Sustainability Initiatives: Ellen Urton, a visual literacy librarian, representing the Library's Undergraduate and Community Services Area, provided an overview of the Library's objectives to support sustainability. They are developing a stronger focus on sustainability in collection development and are looking for opportunities to go into the classroom, and for creating online tools for using sustainability related materials. Another objective is to develop a collaboration network to make sure that the sustainability collection is multidisciplinary and are seeking feedback to make sure that the collection suits user needs. Please come to them with your needs. Currently, they are developing a subject guide for sustainability. If you are interested in reviewing the draft subject guide, please contact Ellen Urton (eurton@ksu.edu) and/or Stephanie Schiefelbein (schiefsa@ksu.edu).

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy,"

- Classes are starting this fall.
- 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 topic of the presentation is The Next Synthesis. The public is invited to attend this event.
- We will set up a book club meeting for later in the summer, possibly July 21.

GP Climate Change Education Partnership

- There will be a session at the DOS on this project, as well as focus group opportunities.

Sustainability Seminar Program, Summer 2011, Fridays, 8:30 AM, 1052 Rathbone Hall.

- The summer session will start June 3. All are welcome. Several speakers are scheduled to attend. Larry will set up a mailing list to remind people about the lectures and share the schedule. If you are interested in being on this list, please let Larry know (lerick@ksu.edu).

Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition

- This is an ongoing event. Larry suggested that Hale Library should contact the organizers to see how the Library can support the program.

Summer Dialog on Sustainability – CESAS sponsorship.

- CESAS approved sponsoring the DOS at the Gold level (\$500 and greater) with a \$500 donation.

Urban Gardening Initiative

- The purposes of this program are to create safe food gardens and to improve community relationships and health. We are creating a group to move this issue forward and will soon organize a meeting about this. Please contact Sheree Walsh (smw@ksu.edu), Sabine Martin (smartin1@ksu.edu) or Larry (lerick@ksu.edu), if you are interested in being involved in this.

Solar Parking Lot Project

- For two years, Larry has worked with NSF REU students on developing ideas for this. A group will be organized to advance the idea. The DOE call for proposals for Epscor might be a good way to move forward.

DOE call for proposals for EPSCOR

- This is out. If anyone is interested, please contact Larry (lerick@ksu.edu) to be connected to this effort.

Other

- Becky reported that the E-waste recycling event on April 30 was successful; a semi-load of electronics was collected. The group was appreciative of CESAS' donation.
- Becky reported that the Grasslands in a Global Context International Symposium, celebrating the Konza Prairie Biological Station and LTER Program will be held at Kansas State September 12-14, 2011. Please note that the registration deadline is July 15th. For more information, please visit: <http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/grassland/>

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 28 3:30PM, 102 Ward Hall

Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!