



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
October 25, 2011

Participants

Barbara Anderson, Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design, KSU
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Wendy Griswold, CHSR, KSU (via teleconference)
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, KSU
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services
Kelly Phillips, Hazardous Waste Manager, Environmental Health and Safety, K-State
Stephanie Scheifelbein, Hale Library, KSU
Jean Waters, Nebraska Business Development Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha (via teleconference)

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)

- Nothing to report

Sustainability Research and Education - NSF Sustainability Research

- Barbara Anderson reported on a USDA planning challenge grant received by the Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design Department. The Department is developing a proposal to submit in Feb 2012. A three day planning meeting was held last week to scope the project. The overall purpose is to educate educators (college and secondary) on impacts of climate change on fiber, textiles and clothing (FTC) industry. It will also address sustainability issues. The effort is a multi-institutional, multi-regional, and interdisciplinary project involving Texas State, Oklahoma State. A big issue of concern is the low level of environmental science knowledge among teachers being a barrier to teaching about climate change in FTC programs.
- Networks Competition (See KSU Funding Bulletin 32-5) - Lisa Harrington at KSU may be submitting a proposal to this program

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy," Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State

- January 2012 Intersession Event "Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy" - January intersession is almost ready for online registration. The event will be January 9-11. A public event on food issues will be held on the evening of Jan 9. The URL is:
<http://www.dce.k-state.edu/conf/bioenergy/>

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- November meeting date has not been set yet, but the discussion will focus on the relation of the September and October selection to each other. Different time and place will be established as access in Ward Hall is limited after 5:00 PM
- Turn out and discussion in October was good. The group discussed What Matters?: Economics for a Renewed Commonwealth by Wendell Berry

Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership

- John Harrington gave an excellent lecture at the Prairie Village Community Forum earlier this month. Over 100 people attended.

Sustainability Seminar Program - Plans for Fall 2011

- Wednesday, October 25, Eric Sanderson will present a lecture: The Mannhatta Project (ecology of Manhattan Island before settlement through present). 4:00 PM Forum Hall. More information is available at <http://www.capd.k-state.edu/event-details/1807>

Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition

- The Take Charge Challenge has concluded. Manhattan was one of four regional winners of a \$100,000 grant to fund a community project. Other winners were Baldwin City, Colby, and Fort Scott.

NSF Proposal on Research Experiences for Teachers

- A proposal was submitted to NSF RET program to develop a summer research experience for STEM teachers, who will participate in engineering research related to sustainability and develop classroom curricula based on their research.

Solar parking lot project

- Larry is leading an effort to develop a proposal to NSF's Sustainable Energy Pathways Program. If anyone is interested in being involved in this, please contact Larry.

All University Campaign and CESAS

- Thanks to those who have contributed to the CESAS fund. There is still time to contribute. Our Foundation account number is I24260.

Other

- Facilitation opportunity – A governor's town hall forum on rising to the challenge, reducing childhood poverty will be held in three locations in November. Facilitators are needed; anyone interested in helping facilitate a table (8-10) people, please contact Charlie Griffith. 785-532-2025
- A second Electronic Recycling Event will be held in April 2012. More details will be provided as they emerge
- A Sustainability Subject Guide was recently created by Library to help with research. Help is needed to review the guide. It will be sent to selected CESAS members for review and comment. Please contact Stephanie Scheifelbein (schiefsa@k-state.edu) if you would like to review the guide and send comments. The URL is: <http://guides.lib.k-state.edu/sustainability>

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