



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
January 31, 2012

Participants

Stephanie Cold, Hale Library

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC

Wendy Griswold, CHSR, KSU

Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services

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)

- Larry went to KS EPSCOR Conference on Sustainability. There are a lot of project activities underway through this initiative.

Brownfields Program (TAB) Sustainability Initiative

- TAB staff are working to develop this initiative. A recent meeting was held with Huston Gibson from Landscape Architecture Regional and Community Planning to work on developing webinars that relate to sustainability for communities that have brownfields.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy" Related Sun Grant

- John Schlup taught a summer intersession course on sustainability for engineering. This is being offered again this semester due to high demand under CHE 580 Problems in Chemical Engineering.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- No news on this initiative. Stephanie will contact Angel for an update and to possibly reschedule the canceled meeting from November.

Great Plains Climate Change Education Partnership

- The planning grant group is working on a proposal for March to develop educational materials for stakeholders in Kansas. Current effort is being focused to identify existing educational materials.

Sustainability Seminar Program

- We'd like to offer something with a humanities/social science focus, but no progress has been made.



Solar parking lot project

- We are submitting an NSF-SEP proposal tomorrow. An important issue for sustainability is how to bring social value into the triple bottom line. Health and engagement are social values to be considered. This might be a good focus for a seminar topic.
- University of Texas and Texas A&M have an I/UCRC focused on electrical energy and electric vehicles. We would like to join in their effort.

CESAS Annual Report for 2011

- Please send items to include in the report. A draft has been started.

Other

- January intersession on Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy had about 40 participants. It is now offered through distance education
- People's Grocery is sponsoring a screening and discussion of the film, "The World According to Monsanto". The screening will be February 23 from 6:00-8:45 PM at the Manhattan Public Library Auditorium. The theme is genetically modified foods and their impact on health, environment, and economics.
- Becky suggested putting an ad in K-State Today to promote the CESAS meetings and let them know we exist. This may be a good way to reach new members.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, at 3:30 p.m.