**C**ampus
**E**nvironmental
**S**ustainability
**T**eam

**Agenda**March 4, 1:30-2:30

301 Administrative Building III

**Attendance:** Bill Winner, Jack Colby, Jeff Hightower, Lindsay Batchelor, Sean Fokes, Carla Davis, Rebekah Dunstan, Paul McConocha, Claudia Powell, Rachel Gonsalves, Sharon Loosman, Barbara Doll, Analis Fulghum, Carrie Rogers, Walt Robinson, Lisa Johnson, Brian Jones

**1:30 – 1:35 Welcome - Bill Winner**

Rebekah Dunstan, University Sustainability Office

**1:35 – 1:45 Event line up for Earth Day –Carrie Rogers**

* Ncsu.edu/earthday
* Week of events April 13-20
* Barn to Brick theme – sustainable food and agriculture
* Chair, Dr. Danesha Seth Carley
* Vice Chair, Dr. Michelle Schroeder Moreno
* Apr. 13 – Agroecology Farm work day
* April 16 – Grow Your Wellness
	+ Health and Wellness and Waist Reduction organized by Student Health and Campus Recreation.
	+ Activities and cross fit stations
	+ Norman Borlaug lecture – Dr. Frances Seymour
* April 17 – Celebration on Brickyard
	+ Expanded Farmers Market
	+ Vendors
	+ Movie – Fresh
* April 18 Farm Feast at Fountain Dining Hall coordinated by University Dining.
	+ Local and sustainable foods
	+ Local band
	+ Green Brick Awards
* April 20 Raleigh’s Planet Earth Celebration
* Volunteer opportunities available.
* Sponsorship opportunities available

**1:45 – 1:50 Green Brick Call for Nominations –Walt Robinson**

* Go.ncsu.edu/greenbrick
* Will be presented at the April 18 picnic
* Since CEST votes asking for CEST not to nominate but to get the word out
* 19 nominations (11 staff, 4 students, 5 faculty)
* Open through 15th
* Question: can we have names on bricks somewhere? Answer: Advancement doesn’t allow in places like brickyard but in could consider alternative location in the future.
* CEST voting week of March 18

**1:50 – 2:10 Initiatives of the Energy Council –Bill Winner**

* Started 5 years ago to get broad representation across colleges of research, energy, and sustainability partners
* How university should be advancing energy across missions of university
* April 8, 7 pm in Witherspoon– movie, Switch
	+ 5:00 social for environmental sciences social
	+ Panel following the movie
* Sustainable energy minor – collected similar discussions and working toward a single sustainable energy minor across colleges
	+ 7 departments involved
	+ Draft available
	+ Goal is to have approved by end of academic year
* Sustainability Learning and Living Village (now called the Eco Village)
	+ Listed in strategic plan under promoting student success (learning and living connected to retention rates, graduation rates, etc.)
	+ Students enrolled in fall (~130)
	+ Wing in Bragaw
	+ Theme of energy, environment and sustainability
	+ Developing program
	+ Hiring director and graduate assistant
	+ Funding from the Provost
	+ Need to develop more sustainable funding model
	+ This is not linked to a single academic college as other living and learning villages
* Question: connection to sustainable energy minor? Answer: yes, students will be interested in this and other minors such as agroecology
* Question: long term funding prospects? Answer: Advancement as a possible naming opportunity. Grants connected to academic programming. Fundraising with projects.
* Idea: Lee and Sullivan when rebuilt model the sustainability

**2:10 – 2:20 Moving ahead with the draft Sustainability Policy – Jack Colby**

* Go.ncsu.edu/sustainabilitypolicy
* Sustainability Strategic Plan calls for implementing a sustainabilty policy
* Process evolving
* Two efforts moving: 1) policy statement been reviewing with campus groups and asking for feedback and 2) standard operating procedure with details.
* Comments coming back in
* Bill, Jack, and Tracy will be reviewing comments and timing to move ahead
* So far positive feedback
* Faculty Senate discussion next week
* Comment: various efforts to imbed sustainability (plans, reports, etc). Must work through campus policy approval process.

**2:20 – 2:30 Announcements –All**

* Sustainability Fund was approved by the Board of Governors
* Bill
	+ Tracy organized group of college-based sustainability coordinators to have discussion and build communication
	+ Plastic Propaganda from WESA. Activity to reduce or eliminate single use plastic (plastic bags, water bottles, utensils, etc). Heather Troutman is main student leader. Public sculptures, working with Bookstore and others, articles in Technician. Part of WESA web site is a review of restaurants that use disposables and other
* Jack
	+ Second meeting of statewide meeting of sustainability directors this Wednesday. Tracy helping set the agenda. Need to revive system wide sustainability policy. Need to engage faculty. Designated sustainability officer at each campus.
	+ Bill and Jack on planning committee for second Energy Summit. Planning meeting coming up then midyear meeting at McKimmon end of March.
	+ Awarding a long term natural gas contract. Ability to procure natural gas cold save $600,000 per year (Paul and Sharon with large roles)
	+ H1293 provides ability to carry forward energy savings. At NCSU committed 100% back to energy saving projects: example projects: campus wide automation, displays in buildings on consumption, pilot for lab fume hoods, lighting controls, boiler efficiency, steam traps, etc. Paul will be submitting over $2 million to State Energy Office for next year.
* Question: systematically sharing expertise to campuses that don’t have such robust programs. Answer: Energy Summit helps with information sharing and discusses how to help all campuses. Examples: PPA agreements and AmeriCorps grant that takes students and gives them skills to work with colleges.
* Lindsay - NC 10% campaign toolkit for other campus on how to put together a campus farm
* Bill – economies of scale study on living in a larger setting (city or university) versus smaller scale (rural or small university). More ability in larger scale because of dense development, reduction in fuel per person from public transit.
* Lindsay – alongside Earth Week events is a For the Farm pledge as a way to educate about work being done on campus and build momentum to get food from farms into dining halls
* Rebekah – Green ambassadors called NC State Stewards. Recruiting for fall semester. Applications out next week.
* Lisa – aim for meeting after April to bring back information from Sustainability Task force of Physical Master Plan

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 9:30-11

* Space presentation – Lisa Johnson
* Sustainability Task Force of Physical Master Plan – May timeframe