**Academics and Research Working Group Minutes**

**November 18, 2009, 8:00 AM**

Thank you for your help at the CEST Academic and Research Activities Working Group meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 18. The outcome of the meeting was to discuss 1) additional strategic goals for our group; 2) the ideas behind a vision and mission for NCSU and our Working Group area; 3) a look at the academic criteria used by the ASSHE rating system for sustainability that includes academic and research activities.

The meeting concluded with Bill Winner having the assignment to write the first draft of our report to the CEST. Our report on strategies for advancing sustainability with academic and research activities will be joined with six other reports (Transportation, Energy and Water, Purchasing, Waste Reduction and Recycling, Buildings, and Land Use) to form a plan for the University as a whole. Our draft is due to report out on Dec. 9, so time is short.

Even if you have missed a meeting or two, there is still critical need for your help. Please review the draft of the report from our group, and return comments to me. Comments that edit and provide new ideas from you (or your colleagues) will be extremely helpful. Once I have comments, I'll do the synthesis, and recirculate draft #2, and call a meeting to discuss it.

Thanks for all your help with this important project. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

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