**Campus Environmental Sustainability Team**

Sept. 17, 2013, Administrative Services III, Room 101

Meeting Minutes

**Attendees**

Tom Karches, Traci Rose Rider, Meghan Lobsinger, Sean Fokes, Paul McConocha, Tracy Dixon, Lindsay Batchelor, Jessica Thomas, Dick Bernhard, Jack Colby, Bill Winner, Carla Davis, Rebekah Dunstan, Walt Robinson, Lauren McKinnis, Analis Fulghum, Claudia Powell, Mike Kapp, Brian O’Sullivan, Jeff Hightower, Brian Jones

**Welcome and around the table announcements** – Bill Winner

* Introductions and welcome to new attendees:
  + Dick Bernhard representing Faculty Senate, replacing Lonnie Fleisher
  + Jessica Thomas, director of Sustainability Initiative at Poole College of Management
  + Lauren McKinnis, outreach coordinator for Waste Reduction and Recycling
  + Tom Karches, representing Staff Senate, replacing Robert Davis
  + Traci Rose Rider, College of Design
  + Meghan Lobsinger, director of Eco-Village

**Overview of how sustainability tools work together** – Tracy Dixon

* How campus sustainability design plans, overall plans and operational plans work together. Many of the overall plans and operational plans are documents developed by the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team. See attached document.
* Likely no additional foundation documents are needed. Will focus on refreshing and keeping these documents relevant.

**Sustainability policy and SOP update** – Jack Colby

* Tentative slot on November agenda for review by Board of Trustees Buildings and Property Committee.
* Policy will be overarching sustainability commitment for NC State and Standard Operating Principles/Procedures (SOP) guidelines will evolve and change as needed. More work to come from the CEST on SOP development.
* Sustainability for a leaner, stronger and smarter NC State. There is a business case for sustainability.

**Eco Village Overview** – Meghan Lobsinger, director of Eco Village

* Residents moved into first floor of Bragaw Residence Hall in mid-August. A total of 61 residents (about half freshman and about half upperclassman. Slightly more females than males. Three transfer students. Three international students. Nearly every NC State college is represented in Eco Village. About half are in College of Engineering). Growth is expected next year.
* Vision of village is to provide residents with resources they need to incorporate sustainability into personal lives and career. The village also helps make progress toward the University Strategic Plan goals. The village is funded through the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (not one specific college like many other living and learning villages).
* Several CEST members came to speak to Eco Village a couple of weeks ago in freshman seminar class.
* Setting up operation committee for Eco Village development and future plans.

**Launch of Change Your State** – Rebekah Dunstan

* Sustainability awareness campaign launched on campus in August 2013. The campaign is geared toward students, coordinated by the University Sustainability Office and brings together many campus partners.
* Outreach in first month – 500 website visitors, campus media, social media, STS 323Q World Population and Food Prospects course has arranged their syllabus around Change Your State topics.
* September focus is food. One outreach event was a food waste audit in Fountain Dining Hall, reaching 1,100 students. Survey of 80 students shows that 64% of students were likely to consider the amount of food they are putting on their plate because of the waste audit. An NC State librarian created an app for the audit and more sharing of this data is anticipated. May do this audit again in February.
* October focus is energy. November is zero waste. December is community. January is travel. February is wellness. March is water. April is Earth Day/month.
* Website – <http://go.ncsu.edu/ChangeYourState> is blog-based.

**October Energy Awareness Month** – Carla Davis and Claudia Powell

* Alternative Vehicle Showcase on Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the Brickyard
* Chasing Ice movie screening on Oct. 23, 6 p.m. in Witherspoon Cinema. Partnering with the Southeast Climate Center. Panel discussion likely to follow
* Shut the Sash competition in Dabney Hall – all month
* Joulebug Energy Competition for students, faculty and staff – all month
* Advertisements on campus and in social media – all month
* Tucker vs. Owen Residence Hall energy awareness flyers – all month

**Call for future agenda items** – Jack Colby

* Amory Lovins from Rocky Mountain Institute: “Imagine a university….”
* Members invited to propose additional topics for future CEST meetings. Ideas proposed: energy report and energy setback, potential savings from establishing building hours and better use of buildings, connection between sustainability and externally-funded research, conversation about more high performance buildings that use “passive house” concepts, progress on sustainability fee. Contact Tracy with additional ideas.
  + **Other possible ideas:** Sustainability Fund progress, Sustainability talking points

Next meeting: October 15, 2013