

Minutes

March 21, 10:30 – 12:00
Administrative Services Building III, Room 301

Note: This is the final business meeting of the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team. The April 15 Green Brick Awards will serve as the final meeting of the CEST with an informal celebration planned for May 9.

Attendees: Lada Kochtcheeva, Carla Davis, Jack Colby, Walt Robinson, Dick Bernhard, Liz Bowen, Cynelsa Broderick, Analis Fulghum, Sean Fokes, Jeff Hightower, Jeanette Powell, Keith Smith, Debbie Currie, Claudia Powell, Mark Michaelson, Meghan Teten, Charles Brown, Lindsay Batchelor, Brian Jones

Earth Month Overview ([link to presentation](#)), Lada Kochtcheeva

- Health and Wellness focus- Healthy People, Healthy Planet
- Lots of events, ways to get engaged

Diversity and Sustainability Action Plan ([link to presentation](#)), Cynelsa Broderick

- Education and outreach to create connection between sustainability and diversity
- Peer institutions for their approaches, not a lot so far but a hot topic. Penn State and University of Florida are leaders
- Priorities: education, social, support, mentors
- New partnerships has been developed within OIED and DASA. Continued partnership with TRIO
- “Quality of Life for All”
- Action Plan in development
- Comments: Academics Working Group has a potential goal to increase diversity of students exposed to sustainability, First year portal program to increase diversity of students

Green Brick Award Recipient Approval, Walt Robinson

- 41 nominations received.
- Student- Annie Lopez, NC State Steward, plastic bag removal, research on storm water filtration, ASB program, study abroad, Ecovillage
- Staff- Jessica Thomas, Business Sustainability Collaborative, source of energy, transformed Poole College
- Faculty- Bob Patterson, been teaching about sustainability for so many years, SOUL Garden, Feed the Pack, sustainability and food
- Department- Agroecology Farm
- Innovation/Impact- Waste Reduction Committee with NC State Stewards
- Motion to accept the recipients was passed

CEST Celebration, Lindsay Batchelor

- Fun at the Farm, May 9th 10 am – 1 pm
- Transportation provided, service project at the farm, educational workshop and then lunch

Announcements-

- Jeff Hightower - reuse water main on Centennial campus will be turned on this week, proposed co-gen projects in development
- Walt Robinson – update on academics working group of Sustainability Council, [April 7th at NC Museum of Sciences roundtable on Climate Science from a faith perspective](#)
- Cynelsa Broderick - [Stop motion video on composting](#)

- Carla Davis - Make-a-Thon was held Feb 20-21 with 13 teams involving 50 students in 45 hours of creation. Students learned so much about sustainability. Sponsored by Libraries and Housing. [More info](#)
- Debbie Currie – NCSU Libraries’ yearly multi-media research contest could have sustainability as a theme, trying to find course partnerships to ensure good entries
- Claudia Powell - outdoor lighting at Centennial Biomedical Campus will be replaced with LED, study of main campus paths to identify places for more LED
- Analis Fulghum - mini bin pilot and composting pilot will launch in June in Admin III building
- Jack Colby - NC Connect Bond (NC State gets \$160 million) passed. In the two new buildings, NC State will seek to integrate smart building technology and smart grid. Currently have a \$2.5 million surplus in utilities that we’re hoping House Bill 1292 will allow us to reinvest for additional energy saving initiatives
- Lindsay- University Recreation building recommissioning project (\$100K savings in 8 months). Sean Fokes said similar success in Student Health and there is a desire to recommission more buildings in Campus Life
- Brian Jones – many charging stations on Centennial Campus are impacted by business closing of PEP electric vehicle charging stations. Working to research options that will enable stations to still be used

Recognition of CEST Members, Jack Colby

Members should really be proud of all that we have accomplished and thank you for all that you have done to forward sustainability at NC State. Current appointed members recognized:

- Dick Bernhard
- Analis Fulghum
- Paul McConocha
- Michael Ousdahl
- Sean Fokes
- Lisa Maune
- Mike Harwood
- Keith Smith
- Walt Robinson
- Lisa Johnson
- Mark Michaelson
- Brian Iezzi
- Bill Winner
- Jack Colby

Information Items

- The Sustainability Office will be asking for final status updates on your year 5 tactics in early summer.
- Save the date to which you will receive a calendar invitation: April 15 Green Brick Awards and May 9 CEST celebration
- All sustainability-related events can be found here: <http://sustainability.ncsu.edu/get-involved/events/>