

Attending

Attendees: Tracy Dixon, Lisa Maune, Walt Robinson, Megan Lobsinger, Dick Bernhard, Rebekah Dunstan, Jeff Hightower, Sean Fokes, Keith Smith, Jeanette Powell, Elizabeth McGowan, Laura Browning, Lindsay Batchelor, Jessica Thomas, Jack Colby, Branda Nowell, Gessica Chadic, Sydney Sadler

Welcome and introductions – Tracy Dixon

Learning History/ Change Management (Dr. Branda Nowell, Gessica Chadic, Sydney Sadler, and Benjamin Yaeger)

- See presentation
- Sustainability leader (12) perspectives on where we are and where we want to be
- 4 project goals: 1) identify the history of campus sustainability from perspectives of major sustainability leaders, 2) identify strengths and opportunities for improvement of the current organization, 3) Identify each leader's goals and what support is needed, and 4) Identify the vision of how to integrate and support a culture of sustainability and the role of the Sustainability Office.
- Qualitative analysis to find themes, similarities, and differences.
 - Barriers to sustainability in academic colleges: limited resources, no incentives for faculty, differing definitions of sustainability
 - Challenges to collaboration: may need formalized network, organizational silos, perceptions of ownership, perceived competition for students
 - Negative consequences of poor communication
 - Possible solutions to challenges in collaboration: Pack Link, student careers platform, continued coordination between CEST, Academic Sustainability Leaders, etc.
 - Grassroots and top down change
 - Roles and responsibilities are getting murky
 - Sustainability Office role
 - Unanimous agreement of need for hub of sustainability and viewpoints on where it should be
 - Six Questions to further promote dialogue about sustainability and change

EcoVillage successes and future plans – Meghan Lobsinger

- See presentation
- EcoVillage is one of 14 Living and Learning Villages
- All colleges are represented except for College of Education
- First year- 64 to 84 residents. Goal is 120 for next year
- DASA funding for Director, with Housing programming funds
- Established a good sense of community. 33% return rate, which is average.

- Over 1500 community service hours, including deconstruction, invasive species removal, Rubbage Ride, We Recycle, Pizza Box Composting
- The differentiator between other student organizations is that EcoVillage is a housing choice. Being part of the community comes with high expectations of involvement. The Village can provide a labor force for project and idea implementation. Proven to improve academic success.
- Spring break trip to Boston - Sustainable Planning and Urban Development Sightseers (SPUDS), next year they are going to San Francisco

Round table updates/information items – Jack Colby

- Mid year tactic updates due next CEST meeting
- Sustainability Fund expects RFP before next meeting

Adjourn

Next meeting: January 30

Standing meetings are Fridays at 10:30 every 4-6 weeks