

Minutes

March 27, 10:30 – 12:00
Administrative Services Complex III, Room 301

Attendees

Walt Robinson, Dick Bernhard, Michael Ousdahl, Chris Dunham, Liz Bowen, Robert Davis, Keith Smith, Laura Browning, Bill Winner, Tracy Dixon, Lindsay Batchelor, Rebekah Dunstan, Meghan Lobsinger, Nate Pedder, Aleah Querns, Claudia Powell, Lisa Maune, Jessica Thomas, Jack Colby, Barry Olson, Jeff Hightower, Sean Fokes, Jeannette Powell, Lib McGowen

Welcome - Bill Winner

Meet an Eco Village Student – Aleah Querns

Sophomore in Biological Sciences and a mentor in the Eco Village. Her experience has allowed her to work on leadership skills. She is learning more about sustainability through Sustainability Thursdays, volunteer projects such as the Carolina Tiger Rescue, Movie Mondays, overnight trip to Aquarium to learn about coastal ecology. Working on capstone project with Sustainability Initiative on video about business sustainability.

Earth Month Overview and Assistance Needed – Robert Davis

Link to events: go.ncsu.edu/EarthMonth

Earth Month is a fusion of ideas from many perspectives.

Encourage Sustainable Workplace Certification as a way to continue Earth Month throughout the year.

Earth Fair is on April 22nd on the brickyard (new addition for participation for research related to sustainability)

Farm Feast is outside Fountain on April 22nd from 4:30-8:30

Lunge and Learn- April 7th

Green Brick Awards- April 17th

Need volunteers for set up and break down, lots of fun, great way to network

Green Brick Awards Nomination Approval & Ceremony Details – Walt Robinson

40 total nominations: 11 students, 9 staff, 4 faculty, 6 departments

Ceremony is Friday, April 17th at 10 in Witherspoon

The nomination committee put forth their recommendations for winners, which was approved by the CEST.

Sustainability Planning Discussion Continued – Jack Colby (see two attachments)

- What are the themes/major focus areas for the next 5 years on which we should be forming our 5 year goals? Are there some areas that need more emphasis in the next SSP? Less emphasis?

Will help guide the next five years of the Sustainability Strategic Plan. Will build on questions responded to at February CEST meeting by going more in depth with one question at each future meeting. Tracy typed up each comment from February for the question above. See

handout. Tracy condensed each phrase into a few words, reflected by the underlining, and added them to a quadrant model (see handout). CEST discussed and added to the comments.

Announcements – Bill Winner

Keith and Chris - Farm Feast will be on April 22nd outside Fountain, local food and live music

Jeff - Chilled water plans

Jack - House Bill 245 to allow third party sales of electricity, hoping for support as it makes renewables such as solar much more attractive for NC State and developers. The BOG approved the self liquidating funding for Engineering Building 4 which includes cogeneration for Centennial

Liz - Rubbage Ride is this Saturday and today is the last day to sign up

Nate - got 28 proposals, totalling \$470,000 for the Sustainability Fund. The Sustainability Fund is now accepting applications for students for the advisory board.

Lindsay - Ashley McCraney, who conducted the STARS analysis and presentation, is doing a research project on sustainability strategic plan best practices at colleges and universities

Laura - Waste Characterization Study is happening April 7-11 and 13-17, contact Analis Fulghum in Waste Reduction to get involved

Meghan - EcoVillage residents do second year capstone projects. CEST is invited to the final capstone presentations on April 17th from 2:30-4:30 in Bragaw Activity Room. The EcoVillage graduate assistant, Katie Koffman, will also be sharing her thesis work.

Jeanette - the future Stormwater Advisory Committee is meeting later this month to think about the future permit which will include public education and outreach

Jessica - B Corporation Clinic focused on connecting students with early stage ventures that are B Corporation certified

Information Items

- CEST's Green Brick Awards ceremony is on April 17, 10 -11 in Talley (on calendar). Please update your attendance so we can plan accordingly.
- All Earth Month events can be found here: go.ncsu.edu/EarthMonth

Next meeting: May 1

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