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Consortium for Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

CESAS Meeting Summary

102 Ward Hall, KSU

June 17, 2008

Participants

Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, Geography, KSU

Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, Stewardship Comm., KSU; also representing the KNRC

Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU (via teleconference)

Rhonda Janke, Horticulture, Forestry, & Recreation Resources, KSU

Blase Leven, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU

Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Service, KSU

Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, KSU (via teleconference)

Lee Skabelund, Landscape Architecture/Regional & Community Planning, KSU (via teleconference)

Mike Steinke, Wind Energy Consulting & Contracting (via teleconference)

Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Agenda Review

- The participants reviewed the tentative agenda and concurred on its content.

Student Sustainability Campaign & Conference

- Ben Champion provided an update on plans and goals.
- The initiative has been designated, the “Students for Education and Empowerment of Living Green (SEE Green) Campaign” with the conference tentatively scheduled for January 2009.
- Michael Bell, SGA Director of Sustainability, is leading the effort, with a focus on key topic areas, including: transportation, recycling, energy saving, local food, marketing, etc.
- The campaign will raise awareness through on-campus pledges and fostering administrative commitments.

Dialog on Sustainability, July 17

- Tentative location and format were discussed for the one day event (Fiedler Auditorium with other possible options due to storm damage [Alumni Center]) with topics on wind energy, policy, community development, campus sustainability, and field tours.
- Speakers and panelists were noted; for example, KS Lt Gov Mark Parkinson not available, however, Rep. Tom Hawk will be contacted.
- Participation from various departments and disciplines will be encouraged and opportunities for posters and exhibits are available.
- Program schedule is being drafted and will be sent to CESAS partners when complete; invitations, logistics planning, and publicity information are under development.
- The working group/organizing committee will meet tomorrow, June 18, 3:00 PM, Ward 102, to address details.

Informal Science Education (proposal on sustainability)

- Group working with 4H program to finalize proposal.
- Key features include transformational learning, self-directed/ science education, and sustainable energy.
- Proposal will be completed and submitted next week.

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EPA Brownfields Sustainability Meeting at KSU, September 9-11, 2008

- Emphasis will be on solutions (e.g., buildings and community planning) with sustainability options for redeveloping contaminated properties.
- Materials are being prepared for conference distribution.

Sustainability Seminar (CHE 670), Fall 2008

- Scheduled for Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM, one credit hour, 50-60 minute presentations.
- New presentations will be videotaped and available for viewing, along with previous sessions.
- DCE (Ellen Stauffer) is assisting with planning efforts.

Sustainability Speakers Bureau

- Experts and practitioners on various sustainability topics will be involved.
- Mike Steinke, Wind Energy Consulting & Contracting may be one of the speakers.
- Further planning and coordination will be directed by Larry Erickson.

Other

- K-State Stewardship Committee survey results are undergoing analysis.
- Many activities and departments were included in the survey, which stresses the importance of sustainability in various fields of education, research, and extension.
- Ben Champion is hoping to create a database of interest and expertise based on the survey and additional information.
- Ben also mentioned that he will be attending a meeting with the Kansas Board of Regents to discuss sustainability from a policy and investment priority perspective.
- Mike Steinke stated that he has been working with renewable energy projects and various stakeholders, including universities in Oklahoma, and looks forward to partnering with CESAS.
- Lee Skabelund noted that a group of interdisciplinary scholars will be presenting a paper on K-State progress and initiatives at the Greening the Heartland Conference (Green Building and Sustainability) in St. Louis, MO, June 22-28, 2008.

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 10, 2:30 PM Central, Ward 102.

Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!