



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
May 25, 2010

Participants

Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, Department of Geography, K-State
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State; also representing the KNRC
Ryan Green, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State
Wendy Griswold, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State (via teleconference)
Irma O'Dell, School of Leadership Studies, K-State
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, K-State
Oral Saulters, Center for Hazardous Substance Research, K-State (via teleconference)

Welcome, Introductions, & Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

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

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK): Environmental Education Proposal to EPA

- Wendy Griswold provided insights on the proposal development and key aspects including sustainable communities, environmental cleanup, and chemical data.
- Larry Erickson noted that Bettie Minshall, Continuing Education, suggested the program for online completion of BS degree with focus on sustainable communities management as a potential option to include in the proposal.
- Ben Champion noted that he is working with Sue Maes and others to coordinate a group conversation on developing a K-State sustainability curriculum; more information to come on meeting details.

Graduate Certificate for Sustainability Education

- It was noted that April Mason, Provost and Vice President and Carol Shanklin, Dean of the Graduate School provided feedback on the proposed graduate certificate.
- Larry Erickson stated that an important evaluation component would be incorporated into the proposal.
- Group agreed that the latest draft would be part of discussions being led by Ben Champion.

Planning for 2011 Sustainability Conference

- Ben Champion provided updates on the planning process noting that the theme for the two day conference would include "Educating for Sustainability" with both applied/practical workshops and academic components.
- It was observed that the conference would be affordable and include representatives from other universities including the Kansas Higher Education Network; information will be shared at the upcoming AASHE conference.
- Ideas/input on cost structure, timeline, and registration for speakers was provided by the group.



Dialog on Sustainability Planning for July 2010

The next planning meeting for the Fifth Annual Dialog on Sustainability will be held on May 26th, 1:30 PM, Ward 102; this one day event will be free and open to the public with a special focus on “Green Jobs-Finding the Right Path Forward”.

- The latest program was reviewed and themes for panels and interaction were explored.
- Organizing committee is finalizing the location (Leadership Studies or Engineering Complex), date (July 21st or 22nd), and other supporting details.
- Anyone interested in further details should contact Larry Erickson, lerick@ksu.edu.

4-H Project Update and Related Opportunities

- Team members are investigating ways to finish this project which includes the sustainability science curriculum for middle school students.

New USDA Grant “Biobased Products and Bioenergy”, Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State

- Efforts are in progress to advance the graduate certificate program and approve individual courses at the supporting institutions (Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University, University of Arkansas, and South Dakota State).

Plans for Eco-literacy Book Club Activities

- Becky O’Donnell shared updates on launching this initiative; reading list will include *Green Collar Economy* by Van Jones, *Farming in the Dark* by Rhonda Janke, and a book on energy that is yet to be determined; the first book will coincide with the Dialog on Sustainability and meeting locations will likely rotate; other resource experts such as Valerie Carroll and Laura Downey will be contacted and invited to participate.

AMI and WIND Center of Excellence

- The K-State Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI) Great Lakes WIND Network Center of Excellence will participate in the 2010 Dialog on Sustainability and provide information on their work and the renewable energy manufacturing sector.

First International Conference on Sustainable Design and Construction

- Sponsored by the University of Kansas Continuing Education Program, the ICSDC will be held in the spring of 2011 in Kansas City and will go beyond LEED and integrate community planning and systems; details will be available at <http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/sustainability/>.

Other

- Ben Champion indicated that the interdisciplinary proposal on Climate Change Education Partnership was submitted yesterday; the proposal addresses agriculture and rural literacy on climate change through climate science, learning science, and community outreach, especially for future decision-makers with a series of stakeholder meetings, strategic planning, and implementation.
- CESAS partners recently published a paper in the inaugural edition of the Journal of Sustainability Education, “Enriching and Evaluating Sustainability Education”, the journal is an important resource and platform in this emerging field of learning, practice, and innovation
<http://www.journalofsustainabilityeducation.org/wordpress/>



- Everyone is invited to the upcoming summer session of CHE 670-Sustainability Seminar, Fridays, 8:30 AM, Rathbone 1052, for more information contact Larry Erickson, lerick@ksu.edu.
- Upcoming CESAS meetings will utilize Webex for additional audio-visual capabilities during teleconferencing.

See Important Upcoming Events at

- <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events/>

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 22, 3:30 PM Central, Ward 102.

Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!