



CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
March 22, 2011 meeting

Participants

Ben Champion, Director of Sustainability, K-State
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, K-State
Ryan Green, CHSR, K-State
Becky O'Donnell, Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services, K-State
Kelly Phillips, Hazardous Waste Manager, Environmental Health and Safety, K-State
Wendy Griswold, CHSR, K-State (via teleconference)

Welcome, Opening Remarks & Review of the Agenda.

The participants reviewed the tentative agenda. One item was added to be discussed under Other Business.

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

EPA Proposal for Community Technical Assistance

- ✚ Larry Erickson and Ben Champion updated the meeting attendees on the EPA proposal being developed.
- ✚ Ben provided an update on the Take Charge Energy Challenge.
- ✚ Larry Erickson recommended that CESAS provide some non-Federal match/funding for the EPA proposal. Larry recommended including in the grant CESAS funding of \$3,000/year over the five year term of the grant. Recommendation was discussed, agreed upon, voted and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Sustainability Education

- ✚ Larry Erickson will speak on Sustainability Education next week at the K-State Sustainability Conference
- ✚ Dr. John A. Harrington will be teaching a graduate level topics course over the 2011 summer session on climate change; trying to manage the world in a sustainable manner. (GEOG 850 Top/Environmental Geog (3) MTWUF 9:50-11:50 AM; Session will meet from June 6th through July 1st.)
- ✚ Participants discussed developing and supporting offering a minor in sustainability, including suggesting "bundling" some course and/or offering one broad course which would address the three pillars of sustainability. Larry is developing a four-page white paper highlighting sustainability related options at K-State

2011 Sustainability Conference

Ben Champion provided an update on conference. CESAS is a sponsor. For more details, go to the website, <http://sustainability.k-state.edu/conferences/2011> or contact Ben, champion@ksu.edu.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy"; Related Sun Grant for new sustainability course at K-State; January 2012 Intersession Event, "Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy"

Larry Erickson provided an update on the January 2012 intersession course. Larry is interested in networking with people as he develops the intersession course. For more information, contact Larry Erickson, lerick@ksu.edu.

Eco-Literacy Book Club Activities

- ✚ Larry Erickson and Wendy Griswold provided an update on the next Eco-Literacy Book Club selection: "Consulting the Genius of the Place" by Wes Jackson. CESAS has copies of the book available at the CHSR main office. Individuals may purchase a copy for \$15 OR "check out" a copy to read and return.
- ✚ Tentative plans are to hold multiple sessions for discussion opportunities as well as to invite Wes Jackson to attend one of the discussion meetings.

Great Plains Climate Change Education partnership

- ✚ Ben Champion provided an update on the supplemental proposal to NSF, which would result in a regional partnership.
- ✚ Ben is looking for actual practitioners who are making quality decisions regarding their land/operation.

Sustainability Seminar Program

Larry Erickson is interested in volunteers/suggestions for future seminar programs.

Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition

- ✚ This item was already covered in earlier meeting discussions.
- ✚ Ben Champion did provide an update that efforts could increase, beginning over K-State's Spring Break, to encourage increased participation of students living in resident halls.

Corporate Engagement

- ✚ K-State is in the process of changing how to handle corporate engagement. The group discussed where CESAS could be a service.
- ✚ The Office of the President has developed a "white paper" describing best practices within the K-State academic community in this area. The "white paper" may be viewed at: <http://www.k-state.edu/president/initiatives/cec/>

Summer Event – Dialog on Sustainability or Other Event

Larry Erickson provided an update and led a discussion of the 2011 Dialog on Sustainability (typically held in July). The group discussed a variety of ideas and topics which may be considered for this year's Dialog. For more information, contact Larry Erickson, lerick@ksu.edu

Other Business - "E-Waste Recycling Event"

- ✚ Kelly Phillips, Hazardous Waste Manager, K-State Environmental Health and Safety, provided a summary of the K-State and PSC "E-Waste Recycling Event" to be held on April 30, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the parking lot across from West Stadium.
- ✚ The group discussed how CESAS might support EHS in this effort. Kelly and Larry Erickson will discuss whether it would be possible for CESAS to contribute \$100 towards costs incurred by K-State in connection with the event.
- ✚ For more information or if anyone is willing to volunteer to assist at the recycling event, contact Kelly at klp@ksu.edu

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. in Ward 102

See Important Upcoming Events at: <http://www.engg.ksu.edu/chsr/events/>