



**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 6<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- ✚ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>**