CESAS Meeting Summary
102 Ward Hall, Kansas State University
July 26, 2011

Participants

Dan Devlin, KCARE
Larry Erickson, CHSR, Chemical Engineering, KSU; also representing the KNRC
Wendy Griswold, CHSR, KSU (via teleconference)
Melody LeHew, Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design
Ron Madl, Bioprocessing and Industrial Value-Added Program

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

- Larry Erickson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Review of the Agenda

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

Technical Assistance for a Sustainable Kansas (TASK)

- The Industrial Assistance Center proposal is being submitted this week to the Department of Energy. It is a program to provide energy assessment training and internship opportunities for engineering students. CHSR, PPI and AMI are partnering on the initiative.

Sustainability Education

- Melody LeHew reported on new funding to develop a proposal, "Making Climate Change a Functioning Thread in the Baccalaureate Curriculum: A Transformation in Fiber, Textiles, and Clothing Education." Kansas State University received a USDA challenge grant for Higher Education Planning Grant for a 2012 proposal. Melody's research indicates that social science and humanities educators lack confidence in understanding science of sustainability and there is a need to create professional development opportunities for climate change and other environmental issues for this audience. Melody is looking for partners with expertise in environmental science/sustainability/climate change for 2012 proposal. There will be a planning meeting in Philadelphia at the end of October with the project partners.

USDA Grant "Biobased Products and Bioenergy,"

- Classes are starting this fall.
- January 2012 Intersession Event - Global Aspects of Biobased Products and Bioenergy is the planned topic for the next intersession event. Ron Madl indicated he would be willing to help develop this initiative.

Eco-literacy Book Club Activities
- This summer the group read Wes Jackson's book, *Consulting the Genius of Place*, and had a book club meeting on July 21. Wes Jackson made a presentation on campus in June.

- We are looking for a new book to read. If anyone has recommendations, please send them to Sheree Walsh (smw@ksu.edu). We will also confer with the English Department Reading Group regarding collaborative efforts to move the book club forward.

GP Climate Change Education Partnership
- Currently doing focus groups as part of the planning grant; data will be summarized in the fall. Rural communities, K-12 Education, and land users are the target audiences for the project.

Sustainability Seminar Program, Summer 2011, Fridays, 8:30 AM, 1052 Rathbone Hall.
- This Friday is the last program of the summer seminar series. The topic is sustainability policy issues; Oral Saulters is the presenter. All are welcome to attend.

- In two weeks, the Sustainability REU students will be presenting their research posters during the morning.

Manhattan/Lawrence and KSU/KU Sustainability Competition
- This is an ongoing event.

Urban Gardening Initiative
- We are looking for funding to expand this initiative to help urban groups develop gardens on a national scale.

Solar Parking Lot Project
- This project is at the point of developing a parking spot design and demonstration project. Funding is needed to move the project forward and provide for the public education aspects of the project.

Movies on the Grass Request
- CESAS received a request for $150 from MOG organizers and SEA to co-sponsor the latest movie event. The group approved this request for the movie, "Houston We Have a Problem."

Other
There is interest in creating a local living network. There is a lack of networking around this issue, but there are many groups interested in these types of issues.

Next meeting – Tuesday, August 30, 3:30PM, 102 Ward Hall

Thank you everyone for your kind participation and support!