

Minutes/Notes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting on Sustainability  
Wednesday, September 19, 2007  
Noon, Porter Hall Room 130

**Present:** Mary Hoffman, Zena Buser, Gary Jones, Bruce Deltondo, Katie Hagaman, Katie Silva, Kristin Young Jaramillo, Laura Bruneau, Mark Blagen, Tim Armstrong, Michael Mumper, Morgan Ramsey Daniel, Laura E. Moore, Erwin Young, Rhonda Schoenecker, Mark Schoenecker, Karen Lemke, Dave Svaldi, Ted McNeilsmith, Mick Daniel, Chris Keitges, Karla Hardesty, Linda Relyea, Marty Jones and a couple of others who didn't sign in (sorry about that)

Attendees were asked to sign a sheet that listed names, contact information, and any specific interests they might have regarding sustainability. Interests stated on the sheet included recycling, composting, xeriscaping, electrical use, local food, community supported agriculture, green construction, on-campus garden, solar energy, connecting campus to community, SEED (Sustainable Environmental & Economic Development) Park and general interest/all topics.

A brief presentation was made to introduce the topic of sustainability ("Treating the earth as if we intended to stay....", from the Arizona State University School of Sustainability) and the efforts regarding sustainability underway on campuses within our state. A wide-ranging discussion then ensued. Gary Jones brought us up to date with respect to the new plans for use of water on the campus. Several folks spoke about the recycling that is being done on campus (cardboard at Facilities Services, cans, plastic, and white office paper at various locations) and about unsuccessful attempts to create a more organized recycling program. Mick Daniel suggested that dedicating some work-study positions to sustainability efforts might be necessary to get projects off the ground, and to help keep momentum going. Other ideas included a "Sustainability Tip of the Week" on Portal, establishing a clearinghouse for car-pooling, creating a "green bike" rental/loaner program, giving students incentive for recycling by conducting a competition with awards at the end of the year, including sustainability efforts as part of service-learning, reducing our reliance on paper, updating progress on recycling with regular charts, establishing a clearinghouse for exchange of information regarding current practices on campus, creating a web page for sustainability, having a "Day of Reflection" on sustainability, changing the "culture" with respect to recycling, and seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for any remodeling/construction projects. With respect to the latter, Gary indicated that it is probably too late to try to get LEED certification for the Plachy Hall renovation, but that we should keep it in mind for Richardson Hall and the ES Building.

Erwin Young handed out a brochure regarding the potential establishment of a SEED park in the San Luis Valley. There will be a meeting at Adams State on December 1, led by the San Luis Valley Resource Conservation and Development office. For more information about the meeting or about SEED parks, contact Roger Doane, SLVRC&D, 589-3907.

We finished by talking about what should be done next and agreed to have another meeting to further discuss establishing some sort of organizational structure, setting priorities, how to get significant involvement from students, investigating financing, etc. A tentative date of Thursday, October 4 was set for the meeting. However, upon further checking, there's another Lunchtime Talk in Science and Mathematics on that day, so I'd like to suggest we change the date to Tuesday, October 2. The meeting will be held in Leon Memorial Hall. Come prepared with ideas for organizational structure, suggestions for prioritization of specific tasks to be accomplished, and be ready to volunteer to assume a leadership or other significant role in order to launch our sustainability initiatives!

Submitted by Marty Jones, 9/24/07