CACES Meeting Notes - December 17, 2013

**Attendees:** Tony Guerrero, Warren Gold, Mark Murray, Jason Hampton, Nick Kane, Arielle Farhner, Kelly Snyder, Tyson Kemper, David Edwards, Andrea Ramirez (Erika Whitton: note taker)

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***Campus garden recommendations:

-Would like a task force/committee appointed to oversee this endeavor -Gave out a packet with their suggestions for the garden

Q-Kelly: space? Ideas?

*They have identified various sites that have potential; based on 2010 master plan *They've viewed gardens at Chase House, Husky Hall, Husky Village, etc. ...

Q-Andrea: how do they define community?

*At this point they are calling it a campus garden and focusing on students

*As far as outside community it's not a key element; focus is on students

Q-Mark M: Is intent to produce food?

*Ultimately it would/may be a goal

*But it's not the only important value of a campus garden

*If food is a liability: they could compost it

-Mark M: Thinks it's great idea... concerns: quality and safety of food; there is a process they can go through to become a certified grower; Charles E is a person they may be able to get help from to make this possible

Q-Warren: what happens to food on Seattle campus?

*Not sure what they do...

-Some food from UW Seattle is sold at a Farmer's Market

-The Farmer's Mkt is intended to be a farmer to consumer relationship

-They need to be certified in order to sell, etc.

-Perhaps the food could also be donated? (Kelly S suggestion)

Q-Space? How much is needed?

*They don't have a minimum or a maximum
*Task force will need to work-through this
Q-Does it have to be food?
*They spent time working on designing edible and other plants that are useful for making things...
*They have heard about concerns for continuing support...
Q-Warren: Have they done a survey to determine whether or not there would be less interest; native plants does not preclude food. May be worth putting a survey out there
Q-May be non-edible plants could also be used?
*Part of this is just bringing the proposal to everyone to see if it's worth proceeding with it
*Once they have the go-ahead, they have the momentum to look into all of this, but want to assess the level of support first
Q-Kelly: Space will be the largest issue and continued maintenance, etc.
Q-Tony: How will they keep it safe? What do they do if Cascadia does not want to help? All questions that if they have answers for, this will help to satisfy concerns
*They do have administrative support already
-Warren: looking at other examples: there are long-term examples that are run only by students: Humbolt State; solely a student organization, they run a house, etc. Look at things that have been long-standing. What he likes about CACES approving this and moving forward: have never had a structured definitive report stating that things have been examined and the outcome. He does not believe CACES is risking anything by supporting this, and he is very supportive.
Q-Difference between student life and broader issues... as departmental sponsor: they need to carry things forward, not sure what department may relate to the particular initiative; urban horticulture?
-Tony concerns: feels they need to go back and fill-in concerns discussed today; they've done this before and they end up having to deal with this at the end
-Kelly suggestion: they can come back and answer questions by end of quarter?
-Warren: body that lays out potential answers of the questions...
-Kelly: task force: term-limited, evaluations, answers questions and then move-on
-Warren: do they need to redraft and add to this some potential charges?
-Identify initial goals and activities
-Send via e-mail and go from there so they don't have to wait for next meeting
*They would like to know exactly what questions they want answered
Warren: goals/objectives, charges to committee; send to Warren and then they will review, etc.

Kelly:
1. Operations and maintenance
2. Space
3. Health/Safety
4. Partnership
5. Storage
6. Funding
7. IAS
8. 10-year plan
9. Goals/Objectives

Q-What is the fullness of the answers required for this?
Kelly: described a 10-year plan that was put together for something they are working on; document was 10-15 pages long. The more responses they have the more accepting the recommendation will be

Tony: SVA Monument began the same way; how did all of this work?
Kelly: Less formal; 60k was raised to raise student veteran's memorial; other things they've worked on take-off and then die-off; if it's alumni-related, are they going to return and inspire others to proceed?

***Cascadia: should we have campus-wide sustainability committee?***
But we don't have a Cascadia person here today; therein, the conversation will have to wait for the next meeting...?

***Benjamin Silver:***
Gentleman from North Seattle Community College; hired for the year to help get initiatives off the ground. He is at Chase House. One of early things he's doing is going around and speaking with everyone and getting acquainted.
Q- Role?
*Sustainability Coordinator & facilities'-related things

*Chelsea and housing issues

*Tony requested the position last year

-Warren: he seems to be quite busy already... Benjamin is drafting a recommendation that they can hand to Wolf, etc. At next meeting hopefully, he will have a recommendation that they can look at, etc.

*He's working on grants too

***Earth Day:

-One thing on Jozlyn's agenda is to rid campus of plastic bags (Earth day aside)

-Kay willing to switch to plastic bags

-In terms of Earth Day willing to have sustainability students work the campus and speak with people about consumption habits

-The switch to paper is going to happen

Q-Kelly: why don't they just ask people if they need a bag

-Erika will forward Tony's e-mail

-Kelly: fieldtrip to recycling center?

***Electronic Course Evaluations:

-Warren in conversation with people about this

-Susan J office interested too

-Warren needs to get this on IAS radar

-UW Tacoma, and few others are using this now

Q: Is there an ongoing fee?

A: there is a start-up fee

-This started from paper-reduction committee (Tony)

Q: What are the barriers?

A: (Tony) just wanted to make people aware that that program is available for use

-Similar cost as paper

-People that don't want to do this, don't have to change

Q: opportunities to customize?
A: yes, but not as extensive as Warren would have liked
-Warren and Rob can push this in IAS
-Just need to get on faculty meeting agenda

***Media Cabinets (Kelly):
-Intern in her office right now
-She and Tony worked on right processes to collect recycling, etc.
-Shawn has been working with Laura Mansfield on getting the word out; working on media plan
-Warren: perhaps she could work with Jozlyn on Earth Day related items
-Excited to have additional recycling bins for things that are difficult to recycle
-Place on agenda for future meeting(s): needs enough funds to pay off bins
Q: what did bins cost?
A: 700 per unit...?

***Tony, Updates:
-November, and electric vehicles
-EV charging stations: 4 in south garage and 2 in north garage
-Dual output charges
-They've used 11 megawatts of power
-EV cars have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 15 tons -Saving 1840 gallons of gas
-Level 1 has been used 10 times
-Statistics: 6500 hours of total charging time
-Can go to website to see where charges are
-Have had a gradual increase of use since 2011
-Can use key fob or debit/credit card
-They should move their cars after they are charged; parking is an issue....
-They took additional spots for EV cars... eventually, this may not work
-Charges are getting a lot of use and they continue to grow in demand
-Seattle does not have this yet
-No fee as long as you pay for spot
Q: (Warren) At current rate of use are our solar panels keeping up with amount of power being used?
A: (Tony) yes they are keeping up... does not think that all power will be used at any time soon anyway, and campus buildings using the power too
Q: Do other companies charge for battery charges?
A: (Tony) yes; example: $5.00 to charge; about $1.00 per hour
Q: (Warren) Is there data on proportion of cars coming to campus that are electric?
A: no, not yet (Tony)

***Green Seed Proposal

***Crows
- They did not get the funding
- Received a link to who they did choose
- Grant funders were the most interested in reduction of greenhouse gases
- Research is still ongoing
- They still need to address the crow issues
- Are pecking at insulation... they had to place metal jackets around them to protect them
- Somehow the momentum needs to keep going (Warren); coordination and funding is needed
- Health and safety issue(s) ..?