CACES Meeting Notes - June 16, 2014

Attendees: Tony Guerrero, Warren Gold, Kelly Snyder, David Edwards, Robert Turner, Benjamin Silver, Tyson Kemper, and Andrea Ramirez (Erika Whitton: note taker)

I. Sustainability Position & Meeting with Chancellor
   A. Have tried to hire a Sustainability Coordinator for the past two to three years
   B. Tony & Warren met with the Chancellor and discussed the Sustainability Coordinator position
   C. They are getting ready to submit the position to Human Resources
   D. The Chancellor is happy with what CACES has accomplished
   E. Need to assure CACES group has bullet points in future Chancellor meetings
   F. The Chancellor is very supportive of sustainability
   G. The Chancellor mentioned contests… would like to see this kind of energy

II. Wetlands Update
   A. Students have been collecting samples for just over one year
      1. There has been regular monitoring of same areas
   B. They are now going to tackle an alternative hypothesis
      1. Certain sub-surface areas may be affected by previous agricultural influences (cow poo)
      2. A new study will be designed with students
         a. E-Coli & other coliform bacteria; unknown variability
         b. Genetics will help determine where these bacteria are from...
         c. Marilyn Roberts discovered bovine feces to be ubiquitous
      3. Perhaps UWB should team with King County and the City of Bothell to sort this puzzle?
         a. Engage contractors from City of Bothell?
         b. Kelly will send e-mail to City of Bothell
      4. Perhaps late summer/early fall have meeting and relay to City of Bothell what the study results are..?
      5. Kelly will make some phone calls

III. Paper Reduction Committee
   A. Tony has a meeting with this group every two weeks
   B. Discussions are ongoing regarding online course evaluations; things are moving forward, but there is some resistance (as is the norm with change, etc.)
      1. It will take time for everyone to change and adopt the paperless online course evaluations, but there are people that have already signed up
2. Will try to bring a representative from the online course program/company to allay fears, but the change is slowly happening

C. Other ways paper has been saved/or total amounts of paper saved
   1. 800,000 sheets of paper have been saved by doing-away with paper towel dispensers in buildings
   2. It would be interesting to research the available data for each department in order to ascertain how much paper each department is using.

IV. Integration with Cascadia

V. Committee Goals
   A. It would be good if someone from faculty could attend some of the summer meetings
   B. Priorities for next year
      1. The committee needs to be more actively supportive of student groups
         a. There are issues with leadership with students: often they are spread too thin with their time
         b. Eric/ka (spelling?): the incoming CACES student committee member seems very focused
            1. Can Eric/ka (spelling?) attend a summer meeting?
            c. Is there a way to get those in CUSP to attend?
   C. Scheduling challenges
      1. Should a standing meeting be created for CACES?
      2. Should meetings be 90 minutes instead of 2 hours?
   D. Earth Day
      1. More work needs to be done for this
      2. The Chancellor has stressed the importance of Earth Day
   E. Perspectives with the City of Bothell needs to be strengthened
   F. “Nuggets/bullets”: need to work on these for future meetings with Chancellor
   G. Earth Day needs to be better-defined
   H. Past brainstorming ideas should be re-visited
   I. Should try to get more student involvement in CACES meetings
      1. Students are usually keen on knowing about/being aware of University investments, ethics, etc.
         a. This should be a large part of our institutional focus
   J. The focus for the next meeting
      1. Nail down priorities for future meetings.

VI. Rio Declaration
   A. The Chancellor said ‘no’ to this...
      1. The Chancellor stressed this is a tri-campus level issue; discussions are ongoing at Seattle campus
      2. The Chancellor does not want to sign something simply for the exercise of doing-so; would rather have action to back-up, etc.

VII. Building Energy Use & University Footprint in General
A. Between 2005 and the present (2014), the energy-use in buildings has gone through the roof (no pun intended)
   1. There needs to be a focus to bring-about a reduction in energy-use
B. Many trees have been planted by the University...
C. Areas that use a lot of energy
   1. Husky Hall
   2. The Greenhouse
   3. Labs
   4. SAC building will also use quite a lot...
D. Thermostats...
   1. There is zero accountability for energy-use: it’s free

VIII. STARS & Other Environmental Issues
A. Larger goals for CACES
B. Program under
   1. Sustainability
   2. Tracking
   3. Assessment
   4. Rating system
C. Princeton Review, Sierra Club... are some institutions that partake in reviewing/assessing other institutions
   1. The first assessment will be a big undertaking
   2. These assessments will provide a lot of resources as institutions are compared, etc.
D. The President’s Climate Committee & STARS intertwine
E. Catalyst
   1. Benjamin will review the site
F. Rebecca would like the university to be a zero-waste campus
   1. Tyson has been involved with this from the beginning

IX. Geological/Tree Survey of SAC Area
A. Trees will be measured before they are destroyed/killed
B. Bio-swell and stream
   1. The people involved in this did not get back to Rob...
C. In two to three weeks
   1. Discuss the hydrology of the stream
D. Doug Partridge will be here this summer; he will discuss stream channels, etc. As will Nico...
E. Rob’s students are looking at the model used for runoff in Coupeville. A pilot project is in place there, and what they did there could be recreated here.
F. Have one more year to be in compliance

X. Cascadia and Raised Beds
A. Terrence approved a request by faculty to create a crop of living things in some raised beds
   1. Tony relayed this to Susan Jeffords; he reminded her today...
   2. The raised beds will be just north of the sports field