Sustainable Food System Task Force

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Meeting Agenda
Welcome
Local Harvest Data: Sara Cleaves
CORE Inventory
  Task: Purpose and Goals
  Subcommittees and chairs
  Timeline
Subcommittees break out to being a plan of action
Other business, updates, and next steps
  Students
  Upcoming events
  FSNE state and regional efforts
  Other…
Adjourn

Discussion
Sara: Local Harvest Data

○ How UNH did in STARS 1.2
○ STARS 2.0: What’s coming in 2014
○ Local Harvest Data
○ Underdevelopment for last 4 to 5 years by AASHE
○ What can Food TF use STARS for
  ▪ Use as baseline to analyze food system across CORE
  ▪ Guide planning for year
  ▪ View fork we do within context of sustainability performance and practices for higher education institutions
  ▪ Compare UNH to campuses across North America
- **STARS 3 Categories**
  - Ed and research, Operations, Planning, Administration & Engagement, Innovation
    - Can list up to four projects that campus is doing that may not be listed
- **Data Collection**
  - Face to face, calling, Operations staff materials, website research
- **Local Harvest Data**
  - Updated annually, update coming spring 2013
- **First STARS score was GOLD**
  - No schools at platinum level to date – could UNH be the first?
  - 433 campuses signed on, 258 have submitted scores (current as of Friday 2.8.13)
  - 37 institutions are gold level
- **Strengths with STARS**
  - A lot of involvement with staff/faculty
  - Operational BP’s in dining, energy management transportation
  - Outreach and communication
  - Diversity/inclusive excellence
  - Engagement w/ policymakers, other campuses
- **Weaknesses**
  - Selling REC’s (for ECOLine – can’t claim credits b/c we sold RECs)
  - Learning outcomes – other schools have more students graduating w/ courses/programs focused in areas
  - More “related” vs. “focused” courses
  - Student community service – it’s there but we don’t track hours
  - Endowment investments
  - Energy per sq/ft of buildings
  - Water consumption – storm water management policies are a separate credit
  - Student peer-2-peer
  - LEED and O&M – do great things in building but don’t pay to have them certified
- **LEED Certification**
  - Training and data collection might be a way to engage students
  - LEED not completely the best option, lacking in some resiliency practices
- **The more formal policies and plans in place, the more credit is given**
- **Working with departments as they make 5 year plans and partnering**
- **No central place that has all data in one place, collection is a challenge**
- **Purchasing habits, PCards makes some data information harder to collect**
  - Can’t go to every department for pcard records
  - Have worked with BSC’s to get airline purchases off PCards
- **Is there a policy or practice for creating an approved vendor list from Purchasing**
  - We can do better, purchasing has been proactive
- **Can surveys be sent to graduate students as well as faculty?**
  - Have sent it to Grad School and was forwarded to students
- **Food/Dining**
How much is included in STARS about eating and nutrition?
- Not a lot, had a credit on trans fats but got rid of it because of feedback
  - Faculty community service not included
    - Would be great to encourage staff to engage also
  - Food purchasing credit
    - UNH is at 22% but is ONLY local data
    - STARS uses 250 miles as local definition
    - Not only focused on local, also on fair trade, organic, certified humane
    - UNH doesn’t have the data on other information
      - Currently analyzing all companies we buy from and what 3rd party certifications they have, if not are they doing some sort of policy that can still be counted
    - Can set the bar high with what we’re doing to be innovative, more important to do x than to get points
  - Local Harvest Data is on sustainableunh.unh.edu
    - List all vendors dining uses and have Google map as well
  - Spend time researching what marine stewardship is
    - Sharing what practices are, who has things like marine stewardship, who has it, what do our distributors carry?
  - What info for course is needed
    - Name of course, professor, description (NOT Syllabi), dept., years taught so info can come from registrar of # of students that took it
    - Similar for research: name, title, description, department
  - Courses that are related
    - Err on side of inclusion, include culture courses from art department and others
    - Have had RFP’s in COLA for last two years for course development

CORE Inventory
- What can we see that are gaps, what that means to campus across CORE and what to do about those gaps, if anything
- Timeline for spring 2013:
  - Feb: review status of inventory, determine next steps, reconvene subcommittee
  - March: subcommittees meet to work on inventory
  - Apr: subcommittee’s present draft to task force, subcommittees’ make revisions based on feedback
  - May: subcommittees present final version to task force, task force discusses next steps
- Subcommittees *attach document with notes*

- Food Citizenship month – anticipating more administrative involvement
- TEDx Manhattan viewing in MUB Theater
- Cooperative Ext. doing “issues in Ice cream” in April
  - Sending out special invitation
Food safety issues for different sectors of food safety system

FSNE

- Secured grant funding to convene NH Network design team
- Got together for first time Feb 1 at Plymouth State
- Bring together networks and projects and thank about a statewide food planning process might occur
- Evolving group, asked who’s missing and will be adding other members
- Working on developing more robust networks
- Help New England states to be aware of what’s going on to leverage different aspects
  - Have a lot of specialty crops and interest in them might be growing in DC
- Third New England food summit – Portland ME this June with state delegations from 6 new England states

Next Steps

El will forward out last spring’s efforts that were already done

What method is better for online collaboration? Blackboard, google etc. (may be better to use Blackboard to avoid an extra login for everyone?)

Sending around draft of recent senate bill