Sustainable Food System Task Force
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Next Steps:
1. CORE subcommittee signups:
   a. Curriculum: Tom Kelly, Paula Salvio, El Farrell
   b. Operations: Jo Porter, Gregg Orifici
   c. Research: Jim Malley, Tom Kelly, Jennifer Wilhelm, Steve Frolking
   d. Engagement: Becky Sideman, Joanne Burke, Catherine Violetto, Evan Girard
2. Host June 4th meeting at Joanne Burke’s House in Newmarket?

Minutes:
What would you like to see happen for Food Systems at UNH?
Identifying objectives
   ● outputs, inputs, big picture view of where this is going
More work with faculty and food policy
More than collecting syllabi, what are we doing with them?
Tying with operations
better organize comprehensive information about food
No State Food Plan
   ● Summit started, next meeting is to continue the process for NH
Thoughtfulness of food decisions at UNH
Food/Water Nexus, how related the two are
CORE inventory
   ● taking what UNH is already doing and leveraging that information and looking at gaps

Actions/Brainstorming ideas
Issues with sharing syllabi
   ● possible copyright problems
   ● don’t want to alienate people; format of an email might do that
   ● best to meet with people to share ideas and get feedback; start with small group first and go from there
Assessment (of UNH)
   ● looking at agricultural lands: currently under AES
   ● Adding land resources to inventory
Having our food resources be visible
   ● garden right next to dining hall etc.
   ● Possibly a garden outside Huddleston’s house?
• taking on the Michele Obama model
  ○ anticipating issues:
  ○ who manages? student intern? OGC?
Research: taking a broader look and not ignoring the smaller grants and scholarships that might help initiatives

Improving our grant readiness:
• Jo Porter to forward along info on small grant in Sustainable Food Systems

Is food a right?
• changes the conversation

Finding the overlap of people in curriculum and research related to food
• i.e. professor in Poli Sci dept. - focus on poverty in classes - how that then relates to food issues and food as a right?
• crossing fields: language barriers, how to meet/address that challenge?
  ○ example: Economists working with ecologists, or Civil engineers needing numbers vs. Liberal Arts - different terminology and understanding
  ○ How to create the understanding that Systems is broader than just simply pairing up one or two fields. Offer panel about what is systems thinking?

Offering professional development for Faculty to educate them about Food Systems Grants
• Issues with NH because our state is performing very well by comparison
• harder time making a case
• Identifying the problems that we do have, getting people to talk more about these issue
• We should have an outline/guide ready so that the group is ready to mobilize quickly
• Consider urban/rural partnerships

Need a way to communicate what current projects and actions are going to avoid duplication of efforts

Student updates
Evan Girard: Get Real UNH:
Get Real! UNH is a student organization to-be founded with a dual-purpose mission of (1) realizing UNH’s acceptance and continued participation in and support for the Get Real! Campaign here at UNH, (2) promoting the civic engagement and cultural citizenship that characterizes all efforts that are both directly and indirectly food-related both here in the UNH community and in our region, and moreso the annual efforts comprising the Month of Food Citizenship, Food Day, and the New Hampshire Food Symposium.

In addition, we will be deliberate in our efforts to foster the development of those who intend to be the next generation of connected, spirited, and conscious food
leaders and to accelerate the shift of mindset around food from the status quo to a progressive one that is socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable.

Get Real! will be making a website that will be the one-stop-shop for all things that comprise food studies here at UNH; academic programs/classes, dining services, research, co-curricular activities, our campaign, etc. There will be a calendar that will be a one-stop for events that everybody, students who would be least likely to find out about the events, could use and a blog to read with feature friday's. There will be a news feed, as well. This site will be most static, and continuously being updated. We welcome all submitted information that people feel would be useful for a future, current, and former student, faculty, staff, administration, and members of the community at-large.

Get Real! UNH intends to act as a model for other similar student efforts for colleges and universities across the nation and beyond who want to streamline information dissemination and build stronger linkages in their community, as it is necessary for us to realize a more sustainable future in our food system.

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