Sustainable Food System Task Force

Eliot Alumni Center Dec 12th, 10a.m.

Participants
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Meeting Agenda
Welcome
Update on Food Day
Activities and goals for next semester
  Events
  Inventory
  Policy Recommendations
  Combined Task Force Meeting
  Annual Report
Update on student activities
FSNE regional and statewide planning efforts
Group updates & next steps
Adjourn
Discussion

- Food Day
  - Successful discussion with Equal Exchange Co-founder
    - Expo/café beforehand - Really well attended, good participation from student groups
  - Jacqui Lewin from Yale
    - Talk and EcoG feast
    - Filled the room with students
    - Lots of students with a lot of questions
    - Visited 10 classes also to discuss work and
    - Students followed up with her for mentoring
  - Panel discussion
    - Not well attended, but very informative
    - Great audience for Equal Exchange, people left during break after talk

- Activities/Goals for next semester
  - Events:
    - Fiona Wilson forwarded idea for a speaker (Moo Milk)
      - Does event planning use too much of task forces time?
      - Work more on policy efforts – had discussed Dining to have first farmer on payroll
      - Kathleen Merrigan – briefing before public talk and was very successful
    - What do others think?
      - Do they have to be separate? How to balance both?
      - Set out timeline, find way for them to not be mutually exclusive
      - Subcommittees, one more focused on policy?
      - Events easy way to keep community engaged and easy to get people engaged, but is it what we should be doing?
    - Where does programming fall in the UNHSI?
      - Challenges of time and effectiveness
    - Where in UNHSI does task force fit?
      - Piece of FAS
    - Events hosted so far speak to broader things that need to be discussed on campus
      - How to we program around issues
      - Not just about faculty research, also about how students can be involved
      - Try to legitimize/find permanent place for it in some way
Events take a lot of time/resources
- Formalize partnerships/institutionalize positions

Inventory
- Need more clear direction
  - Lots of different ideas and thoughts
  - How to bring operations into the academic piece
  - Collecting data on food for STARS program already
    - Should be fairly straightforward to plug in information into a white paper
  - Put something together so it can be evaluated by all sides, ask questions, narrow down to find gaps and what we don’t know

Mapping info
- Will need to be kept updated continually
- El can set up a timeline to use for helping to collect info

Syllabus info
- Do we need that detail
- Decide what level of detail is needed, then decide how to do that
- Getting a template together

Will make us grant-ready, ID possible voids
- Remain primarily focused on inventory and policy
- Give inventory a timeline
  - Had said rapid appraisal by end of semester
- Know who to partner with
- Avoid others spinning off into niche that might already exist
- Have more clout as a group than 1-2 people in a dept. asking for change

Collaborative council
- Organizing event to invite UNH people interested in SFSSystems research
- Write white paper together -- had one in the works circa 2007

Students
- Lots of research projects happening (grad students etc.)
- How to collect information and share it?
- Student Senate has power to get word out into student orgs.

USDA Compass tool:
- Inventory of grant funded projects done, with brief detail of what’s going on.
- Map similar to USDA compass tool to show what’s going on across UNH campus
• New video tours of research farm – useful tool, ***should share on social media***
  ▪ What do we already have?
    • Have some information from STARS, other projects,

  o Task force chairs met together earlier in semester to discuss what the task forces might do together
    ▪ Discussed convening an all task force meeting late in the spring to hear about collective work
    ▪ Idea of putting together a sustainable events set of recommendations
      ▪ Set of criteria applied to bigger all campus events, Commencement, homecoming, U Day

• Sustainability Dual Major:
  o Hoping it’s approved next semester

• Students
  o Net Impact having a Triple Bottom line career fair in April
    ▪ Anyone with good contacts please contact Jackie: Jackie.furlone@unh.edu
  o Cameron Wake’s 405 class proposed food waste idea
    ▪ Has been done in past, dining, dietetic interns, etc.
    ▪ Cross-collaboration event in spring with healthy unh, dining, Food TF, etc.

• FSNE
  o How much food can N.E. produced and based on that what needs to happen
  o Working with Interaction Institute for Social Change out of Boston
  o Fisheries integrated fully into the process.
  o Reps from across food system, ag, farm, fishery, retail, etc.
  o Linking state food planning
  o First statewide meeting on Feb 1st

• High Tunnels
  o New greenhouses are growing mixed greens for the UNH Dairy Bar
  o Dining has helped to support buildings and new farmer on staff
  o Media services holding off until a class is involved
    ▪ Will be one in the spring
  o Biggest harvest this week
  o Using compost from dining halls/equine waste to grow.
**Next Steps**

Broad support of focusing in on assessment/appraisal

Template to be made to help everyone be consistent in gathering information

Subcommittees reconvene

El/Jackie pulling together info we already have on food information

Send to Jackie any info on job resources for Triple Bottom Line

Jennie sending info on food waste event that dietetic interns organized in dining halls

Contacting Cam – students involved in food waste idea to come to FoodTF next semester