FARM STAR  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2016

FALL 2016-2017

Present:  Josh Minot, Brian Schultz, Pete Solis, Nancy Hanson, Annie Rogers, Fred Wirth, Beth Hooker, Grace Adzima

LLC in Fall

• Pete provided update on conversation with Byron
• 12 first year students w/interest in LLC
• programming every other week--CEL-1 credit
• tours of area farms
• easily incorporated w/programming at farm
• no financial support from institution
• captive audience of students
• could also be part of
• all LLCs get together for social events

Conversation

• some well organized/some chaotic
• hit or miss re: programming
• CEL-1 credit--commitment of 2 hours/week on farm
• Committee has a dinner/lunch with students
• Hooked in for the first semester
• Farm festival
• Struggle w/students that they can only work on farm w/work study
  o Farm festival
  o Farm tours
  o Faculty--work with students on projects

• Many levels of engagement
• Is there a deadline? Applications are reviewed July 4
  o Would need to define for Byron
  o Already defined, but need to re define for this one.
• Jess and Pete would staff the LLC

TO DO:

• Connect w/Byron on definition--Pete
  o Ask Byron, “who chooses?”
  o Applications due July 1
• Write a definition--Beth and circulate; Beth to ask Pam Stone about the CBD LLC
• Review the applications--Beth, Nancy,
• Name: Food, Farm and Sustainability LLC?
• FARM! Dig in!
• FARM STAR
• EAT!
• Farming for the Future
• Warm and Fuzzy
• Farm, Food and Community
• Who’s gonna take the call?
• HC Farm Team

25th Anniversary of current farm
• Farm Festival--family and friends weekend
  o Alumni panel
  o Bring back students who started CSA?
    ▪ Div iii’s
    ▪ Brian: to compile all between 1992-present
    ▪ Slide show/history of early CSA
  o People who have worked here?
    ▪ Joel Grueber
  o Nancy’s photographs
• Opportunity for fund raising
• It’s a big deal to have such a large program
  o We are leaders
• Design on bags--T-shirts; hoodies;

Three or four things done really well at Farm Festival
  1. Farm Festival
     o Alumni panel
     o Shareholders
      ▪ Each donate a recipe/make a small book
      ▪ Tell us your stories, on line
     o Music/food
     o Red Barn--for panels/other events
     o Storycore at Farm Festival? People to team up
     o Save the date
     o Need to plan ahead--Beth and Jess will meet with David Gibson and Alumni/family relations--will report back
     o Create list--Beth will bug people for names mid-summer

PLAN MOVING FORWARD
Map w/particulars...timeline + budget

Look at CISA Strategic plan

FROM OUR MISSION STATEMENT...

The farm:

- supports teaching and research opportunities for faculty and students;
- serves as a model for land stewardship and ecological agricultural practices; and
- provides a “living lab” for Hampshire's values, particularly in the areas of sustainability, social justice, community-building, and experiential education.

Supports teaching and research opportunities for faculty, staff and students;

- GOAL: Encourage collaboration;
- Increase involvement and participation across the Five Schools at Hampshire College
- Staff--fully funded program coordinator
- Programming budget
- Create a research program
- Permanent support for research/work on farm--lovely to have a fund!
- State of the art teaching and research center
- Farm fellows
- Create a system/process for use of farm
  - Use of farm land
  - Define management versus governance
  - Disseminate information
- Summer programs
- Farm Camp
  - Is this something to continue to the future?
  - How does it link with the education program at HC
- Internships

Serves as a model for land stewardship and ecological agricultural practices

- Funding for additional farmers
• Outreach program
• Document on farm practices
  o On farm practices
  o Research
  o Records? Available for data mining?
• For other college farms
• Other farms in region
• Organic certification?
• List of best practices--and provide guidance for campus land use
  o Land use plan for
• Map of all agricultural fields and current and future use/zoning map
  o Faculty to share maps and information collected through research and
classes--how to get this addressed?
  o Lives in relation to the farm/agricultural fields
• Agroforestry
  o Sugar bush
  o In five year plan, think about agroforestry
• Solar arrays
  o Bees
  o Seeta/Beth research under solar arrays
• NSF funding--energy use on farm
  o Solar array

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sustainability, social justice, community-building, and experiential education

Living Learning Community:

Sustainable practices on farm

Food Justice/Farm Justice:

• increase linkages to communities of color
• increase diversity--how to reach out to on-campus and off-campus
  constituencies of color
• Community based work
• Daniel Ross/Nuestras Raices
• Opportunities for interaction--who to include?
• How to make this part of the five year plan?

Design for inviting CSA members to do some activity on campus?
• Canning
• Pie making
• Monthly breakfast w/students
• Met Al--common piece of work, like painting barn, cleaning up after winter
• Prescott tavern: commercial kitchen/ community projects
  o What is going to happen w/new space?
• Tomatoes to jars
• Community kitchen at Atkins

Short-term versus long-term priorities

New members for the fall

• Diversity would be good
• Students for fall--