

Present:

Burton Callicott
Todd Levasseur
Michelle Futurel
William Veal
Liza Wood

Other attendees:

Karin Roof
Divya Bhati
Joey VanArnhem
Jo Ann Ewalt
Deborah Mihal

Agenda: work on definition of Sustainability and Sustainability Literacy.

Results of discussion/wordsmithing:

Sustainability is defined as the integration of social, economic, and environmental systems in ways that allow for individual, institutional, community, regional, and planetary resilience.

To be sustainability literate one has the knowledge and skills to advocate for resilient social, economic, and environmental systems.

Notes:

The appropriateness of “Resilience” was discussed at length. Although possibly an unfamiliar term, it was decided that it was still the most apt. “Health” was also considered seriously but lost out to resilience.

There was concern with the word “advocate” in terms of familiarity as well as assessability. William pointed out that the term has relevance in terms of current efforts to bring about or,

advocate, for diversity and support for other marginalized groups. In terms of assessment, advocate can be defined and broken down to allow for measurements of conceptual understanding as well as skill/action based projects and efforts.

These definitions will be sent to the leadership team for approval as well as to Mark Berry and the marketing team.

Submitted by Burton Callicott