FUSE Meeting Notes (October 18, 2017)

- Those in attendance agreed that changing days of meetings throughout the week would be beneficial.
- Three rain gardens and two wildflower gardens are still planned for the HIC landscape to the best of the groups’ knowledge – this may be beneficial for future research activities.
- The list of ‘sustainability-related’ courses on the NKU Sustainability website is misleading. A list may be beneficial; however, this list includes classes that do not cover all 3 tenants of sustainability.
- Dr. Robertson, Dr. Hopfensperger, and Dr. Yates agree that an accurate list of sustainability-related courses would be beneficial. **Recommended action steps:**
  - Send out a Qualtrics survey to all faculty on campus with a detailed definition of the concept of sustainability. Ask faculty to identify classes that include sustainability concepts in class and/or project work.
  - Use AASHE definition of ‘sustainability-related’ courses.
  - Send survey to FUSE for feedback before sending to faculty.
  - Disciplines such as Engineering and Construction Management may also include courses that focus on sustainability in some form.
- For internal sustainability report:
  - Dr. Yates has held several teacher training workshops on campus; one in June 2017 and another is scheduled for November 2017.
  - College of Education and Human Services has a food-related Think Tank scheduled for November.
  - Horticulture Dept. saves plant material from year-to-year rather than sending to dump – is there some way to quantify this info?
- Consider adding another objective to the goal of “Increasing and Strengthening Sustainability Education” regarding educating staff members.
- Dr. Yates recommended adding monthly sustainability facts to the campus TVs regarding the function of certain sustainability aspects of campus. For EX: what are no-mow zones?
  - Partner with Wellness to include sustainability facts in stairwells for Earth Month (April).
- Brenda Hartle recommended that a group of volunteers pull weeds in the wildflower garden during Earth Week (April).
- With regard to recycling in the dining halls: Jim Parker verified that Chartwells staff empties trash in dining halls. Thinks it would be simple to coordinate a pick-up of recycled materials from dining halls if Chartwells staff collected.

In Attendance:
- Ronald Brown
- Tess Phinney
- Brenda Hartle
- David Renaker
- Kristy Hopfensperger
- Denice Robertson
- Bill Moulton
- Kimberly Yates
- Jim Parker