



# **Advancing Curriculum for Sustainability Through a Consortium Approach**

**Sustainability Curriculum Consortium™**

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# Here today – SCC Advisory Council Leaders

- Peter Buckland, Penn State's Sustainability Institute
- Becki Hack, Green Whys
- Ashwani Vasishth, Ramapo College of NJ
- Ira Feldman, SCC (Penn, Fordham, CUNY)

# What is the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

- SCC is a not-for-profit organization that supports teaching faculty in the sustainability in higher education space.
- SCC responds to the greatest challenges and needs -- *as identified by teaching faculty*
- SCC is an AASHE member organization and works in close cooperation with AASHE leadership.

# What is the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

- SCC was officially launched two years ago at the AASHE Conference in Minneapolis.
- The public launch followed a 3-year effort to advance the state of play in curriculum development and faculty development, including:
  - participation in AASHE activities (listening project, Advisory Council, etc.), and
  - intensive dialogue with leaders in other key sustainability in higher education organizations.

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- For many, curriculum development and faculty development had begun to lag behind advances on the facilities & operations side.
- Also, disconnects between sustainability in practice and policymaking and sustainability in higher education were becoming apparent.
- Teaching faculty expressed further concerns in sidebar conversations, including the need for a separate venue to exchange information and build capacity, and...

# What has been accomplished by the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

- Enormous progress in identifying the **greatest challenges and needs** for teaching faculty.
- Two years of successful webinars across the **three SCC themes** of pedagogy, content and leadership.
- Successful experiments with **SCC online dialogues**, a critical component of “consortium” approaches to follow.
- Recruitment of a talented, experienced and committed **SCC Advisory Council**.

# What has been accomplished by the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

- SCC website:

[www.curriculumforsustainability.org](http://www.curriculumforsustainability.org)

- SCC newsletter
- SCC Faculty Survey and Analysis
- SCC Faculty Conference
  - 2017 in Philadelphia, co-hosted by Penn State's Sustainability Institute
  - 2018, location TBA, already in planning stages

# What has been accomplished by the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

- Collaboration with, and alignment of thinking on curriculum and faculty development, with AASHE, AESS, CCASE, CEDD and NCSE. More joint activities to come!
- SCC as a platform to showcase advances by **all leaders and innovators in the field**. Big tent for collaboration, not competition.



# What is next for the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

## **SCC webinars**

- Specific topics in pedagogy, content, and leadership.
- See flyer or the SCC website for upcoming webinars.
- No fee (free), sponsored webinars will continue.

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## **SCC cohorts**

- Cohorts will build on webinars and conference sessions, deeper dives into specific topics, with:
  - Curated resources
  - Expert cohort leaders
  - Online peer-to-peer exchange
  - Co-created deliverables for use only by participants
  - 6 – 8 week duration with participation fee

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## **Master classes**

- SCC's master classes are intended to create a conduit between sustainability practitioners and policymakers and the academic community focusing on sustainability.
  - Master classes will be led by keynote-level instructors
  - Access through webinar and interactive online dialogue formats
  - Compare value of PPV approach to limited conference access to keynote-level expertise

# What's next for SCC

## **Curriculum Dialogue**

- Follow-on from SCC Faculty Conference
- “Sorting Content for the 100, 300 and 500 levels”
  - Rotating dialogue leaders drawn from SCC’s Advisory Council and partners
  - SCC will convene the online dialogue on the Collaborase platform

# What is next for the Sustainability Curriculum Consortium?

## **SCC Advisory Services**

- Launching a new program (whether as a solo champion or a leadership group) or taking an existing program to the next level
- Strategic planning (another set of experienced eyes in developing your game plan, curriculum, metrics, etc.)
- Facilitation of in-house interdisciplinary faculty dialogues
- Convening of on-site workshops with external experts on:
  - content (to build capacity on emerging issues or trends)
  - pedagogy (for example, competencies)
  - leadership (for example, change management)
- and much more... see flyer and SCC website

# SCC Leaders -- Breakouts

- Peter Buckland, Penn State's Sustainability Institute = **Competencies**
- Becki Hack, Green Whys = **Change Management**
- Ashwani Vasishth, Ramapo College of NJ = **Systems Thinking**
- Ira Feldman, SCC (Penn, Fordham, CUNY) = **Sustainability Policy & Sustainable Business Practices**

For further information, let's talk at  
the break...

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