

## Topical Lunch Minutes

1. Dave Dieterich: the mission of CCSF
2. Max Zhang: Introduction of NSF/DOE/EPA RFP on Engineering Sustainable Buildings
  - a. Current LEED certification is not enough
  - b. Cornell pioneer in BACnet. 54 buildings are equipped with digital control building. Cornell campus is a perfect test bed for innovation.
  - c. Transformational ideas in different areas
    - i. Materials and sensing
    - ii. Modeling and simulation
    - iii. Concepts for automation and interdependence
3. Brian Chabot: Conference in Copenhagen showcased many things already in place in Europe  
Connect with what is going in Europe
  - i. Carbon negative buildings
  - ii. Understanding cultural needs to get there
  - iii. Cradle to cradle approach
4. Norm Scott: Another funding opportunity NSF/IDR, PD 09-7951
  - a. Interdisciplinary research
    - i. Need support from 2 NSF program areas (primary ENG)
  - b. Full proposal due Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
5. Ken Torrance: Need to find a niche at Cornell (no collaboration overseas)
  - a. Max Zhang: Many other building programs in the country such as in Berkley, MIT, Purdue and others
  - b. Norm Scott: Faculty at Columbia Working on sky-scraper with crops growing on the building
6. Al George: Seminar series so that professors get to know what others are working on
7. Ying Hua: Good buildings are
  - a. Climate responsive (Environment): All inputs in a software are dependent on meteorology
  - b. Occupant responsive: Individual occupant satisfaction
  - c. Change responsive: Flexible
8. Helene Schember: Social sciences
  - a. Understand how different groups use common spaces
  - b. How best to position common resources
9. Al George: Systems approach
  - a. Social input
  - b. Mathematical analysis of all possibilities
  - c. Look ahead and look at implications
  - d. Likely outcome
10. Max Zhang: some out of box thinking?
  - a. Sustainable landscape, is it part of the building?
    - i. Building interaction with environment

- ii. Social effects
    - iii. Where to draw the line?
  - b. A single building or a mixture of buildings or a community?
    - i. Autonomy of building or community?
  - c. Brian Chabot: In Copenhagen they have rejected autonomy of buildings
- 11. Zellman Warhaft: Solar Decathlon
  - a. Some of their students might be useful as they have expertise in buildings
- 12. Joe Laquatra: Green buildings are not equal to healthy buildings
  - a. Is green housing actually healthy housing?
    - i. Asthma
      - 1. Mold and dust mites
      - 2. More theories
- 13. Tom Whitlow:
  - a. Urban LTER
    - i. Transactional cost of getting something done is too high
    - ii. Would take too long and too much time
    - iii. Short term goals are good to allow collaboration
  - b. NSF Coupled Human and natural systems (CHN) could be another funding opportunity, Full proposal due Nov 17
  - c. Everyone presents for 10 minutes about how they could contribute
- 14. Tim Mount: Smart grid makes everything possible
- 15. Helene Sember and Mark Lawrence: Keep the group engaged, create "Sustainable buildings and communities group" listserv and wiki pages.

**What's Next:**

- On voluntary basis, faculty send a brief description of their proposal ideas related to **NSF SEED** and **NSF IDR** to Dave Dieterich, dd355, no later than Oct 2, 2009. Dave will try to organize and synthesize the ideas.
- Mark Lawrence will create "Sustainable buildings and communities group" listserv and wiki pages, only accessible internally at Cornell.
- Potentially we can arrange a series of short meetings in the coming semester.

**Attendees:**

Ken Torrance, ket1, MAE  
Brandon Hincey, bmh78, MAE  
Al George, arg2, MAE  
Zellman Warhaft, zw16, MAE  
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Joe Laquatra, jl27, DEA  
Ying Hua, yh294, DEA  
Tim Mount, tdm2, AEM  
Tom Whitlow, thw2, Horticulture  
Brian Chabot, bfc1, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology  
Norm Scott, nrs5, BEE  
Lindsay Anderson, cla28, BEE  
Dan Roth, dnr6, Env. Compliance/Sustainability  
Steve Beyers, smb75, Env. Compliance/Sustainability  
David Dieterich, dd355, CCSF  
Helene Schember, hrs6, CCSF  
Mark Lawrence, mal64, CCSF

**Other invitees:**

Anurag Agrawal, aa337, EEB/CCSF  
Jeff Tester, jwt54, CHEME/CCSF  
Frank DiSalvo, fjd3, CHEM/CCSF  
Chris Barrett, cbb2, AEM/CCSF  
Kevin Pratt, kp238, ARCH  
Bert Bland, rrb2  
Lanny Joyce, wsj1

**Others who might be interested:**

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Kieran Donaughey, kpd23, CRP  
Ann Forsyth, af16, CRP  
Don Greenburg, dpg5, ARCH/CIS/JGSM  
Katherin McComas, kam19, COMM  
Mike Silver, mss339, ARCH