UC-CSU Faculty Network

UC CSU KNOWLEDGE ACTION NETWORK
FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND ACTION
Network Composition

- 33 UC and CSU faculty network members
  - 58 CSU applicants; **19 selected**
  - 28 UC applicants; **14 selected**
- 18 campuses
- 24+ academic disciplines
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• Campuses
  – CSU: Chico, East Bay, Fullerton, Humboldt State University, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, San Jose State University, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos
  – UC: Berkeley, Davis (incl. School of Medicine), Irvine, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
Completed Activities

• Four 1.5-day workshops
  – CSU Fullerton, March 24-25
  – CSU Northridge, March 27-28
  – CSU Monterey Bay, April 13-14
  – Humboldt State, April 28-29

“This has been an illuminating workshop and I am invigorated by all of the new ideas and inspired to take action on my campus.” (Fullerton workshop participant)
Workshop Themes

• As educators, faculty are ready to collaborate to:
  – Reduce barriers to interdisciplinary work (specifically STEM + non-STEM)
  – Revise retention and tenure policies to reward more diverse teaching activities
  – Increase faculty training to create robust out-of-the-classroom and K-12 student learning opportunities that work to reverse the climate crisis
  – Empower students and faculty to act, including developing their skills as policy advocates
Forthcoming Activities

• Workshop Summaries
• Virtual Conference
• Session and Workshop at California Higher Education Sustainability Conference
• Project & funding proposals

“I'm so in awe. I really feel like this was actually worth my time in a huge way--so grateful all these people sat down with each for so long and were so productively guided through the purpose and goals.” (Fullerton workshop participant)
About the UC-CSU KAN

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What is the KAN?
The UC-CSU Knowledge Action Network is a collaborative effort of UC and CSU educators to scale and intensify California students’ literacy in climate change, climate justice, carbon neutrality/greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and sustainability in ways that are culturally contextualized, responsive and sustaining, actionable, and transformative.

2016-17 Desired Outcomes
By fall 2017, members of the KAN will have:
- A shared understanding of best practices and intersecting goals.
- Begun to create mechanisms, systems, and relationships to leverage each other’s resources, knowledge, and networks as needed to achieve shared goals.
- Assessed what elements of shared goals need coordinated state-level policy advocacy or funding.

2016-17 Key Activities
In the KAN’s first year members:
- Participated in one of four 1.5-day workshops at CSU campuses across the state (executive summary forthcoming).
- Participated in a virtual conference.
- Had opportunity to present at and attend CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference.
KAN members are presently forming 2017-18 network activities.

UC-CSU KAN is a project of the Faculty Education and Engagement Work Group of the UC President’s Global Climate Leadership Council.

One-page PDF summary available