

# TU Sustainability Community of Practice

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In Spring 2023, SET and the Sustainability Community of Practice first coordinated on an initiative to support sustainability-related course development at TU. The call for proposals was circulated in mid-May among CoP members, faculty affiliates of the Environmental Science and Studies Program, and instructors of courses supporting the Environmental Sustainability minor. The call was also shared with departmental chairs and faculty via Deans. The initial call broad and elicited proposals for both undergraduate and graduate courses (both stand-alone and cross-listed with existing undergraduate courses). Tenure, tenure-track, and lecturer faculty were eligible to apply for the \$500 grant. The call was met with an enthusiastic response that resulted in eleven (11) course proposals from faculty in CLA, FCSM, COE, and CBE. Many other faculty replied to the call indicating interest in the initiative but an inability to submit proposals in 2023, due to preexisting summer commitments or insufficient lead time to secure departmental support for new course development. Of the eleven (11) submitted proposals, eight (8) were funded by SET and three (3) funded through FACET. Three (3) funded proposals were for redesigning an existing course to include a significant sustainability component and eight (8) funded proposals were for new course development. The course development supported through this initiative advances the sustainability-related goals articulated in the University's strategic plan by further integrating sustainability across the curriculum.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS (circulated 12 May 2023)

Greetings colleagues,

The TU Sustainability Community of Practice, with generous support from the School of Emerging Technologies (SET), is offering stipends of \$500 to faculty for **developing new sustainability-related courses during the summer of 2023**.

Both undergraduate and graduate-level courses are eligible, as are new graduate courses that will be cross-listed with existing undergraduate courses. Faculty must be able to demonstrate departmental support for new course proposals. New courses must be submitted to the appropriate curriculum committee(s) by the fall of 2023. *Faculty adding significant, new sustainability-related content to an existing course may also be eligible for support, depending on demand.*

Interested faculty should send an email with course description, relevant course details (units, level, prerequisites, departmental code, anticipated scheduling frequency, etc.), and a brief faculty bio to Sustainability CoP Co-Chairs Dr. Sya Burynd Kedzior ([skedzior@towson.edu](mailto:skedzior@towson.edu)) and Patricia Watson ([pwatson@towson.edu](mailto:pwatson@towson.edu)). Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis, but should be submitted by Monday, May 30, 2023.

Feel free to contact Paddy or I with any questions.

-Sya

## New Courses

- ANTH 4XX and 6XX: Environmental Justice (N. Fabricant, CLA)
- ENVS 702: Sustainability in a Complex World (B. Fath, FCSM)\*
- HUMA 620: Sustainability, Technology and the Human (J. Ballengee, CLA)
- POSC 3XX: Global Environmental Politics (G. Draguljic, CLA)
- POSC 486: Seminar in State and Local Government – Good Governance and Sustainable Cities (J.J. Ahn, CLA)
- PSYC 4XX: The Psychology of Environmental Sustainability (G. Munroe, CLA)\*
- TSEM: Exploring the Environment Through Education (C. McClure, COE)\*
- WMST 6XX The Solidarity Economy: An Intersectional Perspective (C. Rio, CLA)

## Course Redesign

- ACCT 480/780: Sustainability Accounting (J. Park, CBE) – develop course reader, update module on climate-related disclosures, develop materials on sustainability investing, and new project/case study on sustainability reporting.
- GEOG 410: Environmental Geography (N. Fath, CLA) – new research project, assignments, field trips and guest speakers
- SOCI 329: Demography (M. Hughes, CLA) – new unit on population and sustainability