Members Present: Amy Parsons - Vice President for University Operations
Lorie Smith - Director, Training and Organizational Development and University Initiatives
Carol Dollard - Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Cary Weiner – CSU Extension
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Jess Parker – College of Engineering
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Science, Education and Outreach
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate Student Council
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Ann Bohm - Small – Administrative Professional Council
Chanin Tilakamonkul – Facilities Management
Kathleen Henry - CSURF

1. **STARS Update** – 5 minutes
   - The official STARS 2.0 report will be submitted within the next several weeks.
   - Last February, the 1.2 version was submitted and CSU was ranked first place at a Gold level.
   - Past scores will not be taken into consideration in the 2.0 model.
   - The submittal may be in the 86-87.5 range, which would qualify as the first Platinum University.

2. **Fair-trade America Update** – 10 minutes
   - Connor Schmidt updated the Committee about the progress of CSU’s Fair Trade Certification.
   - The University needs to acquire a fifth badge in the certification system to become certified.
   - ASCSU has approved of the process with a resolution to become certified.
   - The student group is asking for an endorsement from the President’s Sustainability Committee.
   - Impacts if certified for CSU:
     - Purchasing
     - Accessibility
   - Specific impacts to be mindful of:
     - Dining halls
     - Catering
     - Break rooms
     - Stores
     - Education-spreading awareness of initiative
     - Acknowledgment - standardized fair trade and local logos
     - Maintaining certification, Center for Fair and Alternative Trade has volunteered to assist.

Questions -
- Are the dining halls and the LSC aware of the initiative?
  - Yes but each dining hall has operational and purchasing differences.
  - Durrell Express already carries fair trade products.
- Who issues the certification?
  - “Fair trade campaigns” would issue it to the University once resolution passes.
• What other products are you trying to get certified?
  ▪ Mostly focusing on food and merchandise
• Will this committee be kept up to speed with this progress?
  ▪ Yes.
• Is there specific language our endorsement message should have?
  ▪ The student group would be happy with any language Dr. Frank is comfortable with.

Next Steps -
• The PSC voted support the Free Trade America Certification
• Tonie volunteered to take the initiative up through Amy Parsons for President Tony Frank’s signature.

3. Updates from Members – 25 minutes

• **Tonie Miyamoto** –
  ▪ Dr. Heather Hackman presented a TILT workshop on “Teaching Sustainability through a Race, Color, and Gender Justice Lens Across the Curricula” on October 7.
  ▪ Tonie would like to invite Heather back to campus to engage more faculty, perhaps as a Phase II of the PSC’s Developing Sustainability Curriculum initiative.
  ▪ TILT, SoGES, and Student Affairs are meeting this month to discuss options.

• **Jake Drenth** –
  ▪ The bike library should be operational within 2-3 weeks.

• **Stacey Baumgarn** -
  ▪ CAP working groups have been meeting, which has been successful.
  ▪ How do we determine the alignment between specific CAP strategies and specific SPARCs?
  ▪ The Department of Education has created an award called Green Ribbons Schools for Higher Education.
  ▪ Stacey and Becca are working on the University’s application for the award.
  ▪ CSU could be one of the first universities recognized by this program.

• **Brian Dunbar** –
  ▪ Four representatives from IBE are attending Green Build in New Orleans; a conference about worldwide green build initiatives.
  ▪ Will report back with information.

• **Sheela Backen** –
  ▪ Just turned in the game day challenge recycling results
  ▪ 71% diversion rate

• **Cary Weiner** –
  ▪ A renewable energy club is forming on campus and Cary will serve as the group’s advisor.
  ▪ The goal of the club is to help students understand opportunities to develop careers in alternative energy.
  ▪ Will meet monthly

• **Esther Duke** –
  ▪ In partnership with CU, CSU is now a hub for a 10 year research initiative called Future Earth.
  ▪ There are 5 hubs internationally, CSU/CU is only US hub.
  ▪ New masters program- Green House Gas Management Accounting
  ▪ Masters Program is offered by the College of Business and Warner College of Natural Resources

• **Aaron Fodge** -
  ▪ Attended the Green Sports Alliance meeting in Denver with Doug Max.
  ▪ Meeting about game day transportation options.
  ▪ Exploring the option of implementing a bike valet.
  ▪ Recommends becoming a member of alliance.

• **Carol Dollard** –
  ▪ 6 new solar systems are being installed on rooftops
  ▪ Braiden Hall
  ▪ Rec Center
  ▪ University Center for the Arts
  ▪ Parmalee Hall
4. **PSC FY16 Budget Request**
   - Lorie Smith and Amy Parsons led the discussion of the changes to the SPARC process.
   - Strategic plans and budget may need to incorporate communications and reporting.
   - **SPARC process is changing.**
     - SPARCs are aligned with broad institutional goals.
     - Review and refresh goals associated with strategic priorities.
     - Review Board is made up of cabinet members.
     - Create recommendations and priorities for funding requests.
   - **SPARCs:**
     - Student Success
     - Research & Scholarship
     - Engage with Communities
     - Infrastructure/Operations
     - Personnel and Inclusivity
   - Currently, there are 16 University goals of the newly arranged SPARCs
   - **Current tasks for SPARC Committees**
     - Does the committee have the right membership?
     - Are the committee's goals correct (total <15)?
     - Is the committee using the right metrics?
   - **Next steps for SPARC Committees**
     - Get input and clarity on all of the above tasks
     - Edit goals to reflect input
     - Prioritize budget needs
     - Attend SPARCfest – Amy will represent the PSC
     - Submit formal budget requests

**Questions-**
- What is the best path to work PSC priorities into the budget?
  - Amy suggests the PSC send a representative to serve on each SPARC committee.
  - PSC must identify the top 3-4 strategic priorities, including base funding and priorities.
  - Volunteers should look at each SPARC individually to ensure sustainability is being represented in each SPARC.
- How broadly should the PSC define sustainability? Should all SPARCS have a diversity/sustainability component to them, or should diversity/sustainability have their own SPARC?
  - Diversity and sustainability should be incorporated into all SPARCs.
  - STARS represents broad facets of sustainability and the PSC could use those categories.
  - Will require deeper conversation and consideration.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, November 17th, 1:00-2:30 pm, The Pavilion at Laurel Village