

President's Sustainability Committee

Agenda

April 18th, 2016, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management and Classified Personnel Council
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Aleta Weller - SoGES
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences
Neyda Gilman – Libraries
Jocelyn Hittle – Denver Operations
Farrah Bustamante – Procurement Services
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate College
Chris Giglio – Environmental Health Services
Lauren Wolff – College of Business
Kelsey Silver - ASCSU

1. Colorado Water Institute and Center Presentation

- a. Reagan Waskom, Director of the Colorado Water Institute and of the Colorado Water Center, spoke to the President's Sustainability Committee about the differences between the two agencies.

Water Institute -

- b. The Colorado Water Institute is a federally controlled agency. All 50 states have a Water Institute, usually (but not always) located within a land grant institution.
- c. The mission of the Water Institute is to authorize decisions about water management within the state. Water Institutes work with water managers across the state to make research-based decisions.
- d. The Colorado Water Institute was founded at Colorado State University in 1965 and directly reports to the VP for Engagement.
- e. Along with the USGS, the Water Institute offers small competitive grants for water research projects. State water managers and faculty can apply for these grants. There are also small student grants and one national competitive grant offered annually.
- f. Colorado Water Institute website has much more information, reports, and data.
<http://www.cwi.colostate.edu/>

Water Center -

- g. The Water Center at CSU is a collaboration of faculty members from various departments across campus meant to engage students and faculty in interdisciplinary research and to promote current water-related research taking place at CSU.
- h. The Water Center started in the 1990's with \$1m funding from Colorado Commission of Higher Education. It has grown into a larger group of faculty working within water resource management projects. The Water Center is located in Johnson Hall along with several other sustainability-related programs and departments, such as SoGES. The Water Center reports to the Provost.
- i. The Water Center and SoGES together offer a Sustainable Water Interdisciplinary Minor. The minor program reworked its curriculum and now has 6 students enrolled with room for more.

- j. The Water Center offers a listserv called “Current” which highlights all campus related or state related water research, events, internships, scholarships, and more.
<http://watercenter.colostate.edu/current.shtml>
- k. The Water Center’s website offers much more information about other upcoming events.
<http://watercenter.colostate.edu/index.shtml>
- l. The Water Center tries to capture and catalog all water related courses and faculty within the state. There is also an effort to capture an international searchable component to water related research and projects in other nations.
 - i. Reagan should be the contact for STARS data collection for water related initiatives and projects.
- m. Something that may be of interest to the President’s Sustainability Committee is an upcoming seminar in the fall. The topic of this seminar course is Western Water Law -
http://watercenter.colostate.edu/seminar_grad.shtml.
- n. The CSU Extension Water Program has water specialists actively engaging with key stakeholders about water related issues out in the field, across the state.
- o. Extension agents have received feedback from agricultural stakeholders about needing resources and tools to address climate change issues. Agricultural stakeholders see the need for improvements but they need to resources to address the issues.
- p. Reagan can be contacted at Reagan.Waskom@colostate.edu with any questions.

2. EV Memo –

- a. Aaron Fodge revisited a recently revised memo encouraging the addition of electric vehicles to the University’s fleet.
- b. The specific goal of the memo was to increase EVs in the fleet. Motor Pool agreed that 2% of the University’s fleet would be a reasonable goal. 2% is 16 vehicles total.
- c. Aaron revised the memo from the last time the PSC saw it to incorporate realistic goals and expectations of staff.
- d. There are currently 18 chargers total on campus and Aaron has applied to new grants for new chargers.
- e. Stacey suggested that Aaron encourage Zipcar to offer electric vehicles as part of their services.
 - i. Aaron agreed that it is a great idea but Zipcar has expressed being challenged with explaining use of EVs to users.
- f. The President’s Sustainability Committee agreed to sign the memo. Becca will distribute a fully signed copy of the memo.

3. Earth Week Event Review –

- a. Earth Week is now! All events are listed here - <http://source.colostate.edu/earth-week/>
- b. Stacey mentioned that in addition to the E-waste collection event held at CSU, Information Point Technologies, aka iPoint, are offering free recycling of old computer equipment 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 to 23 at the company’s office, 135 W. Swallow Road, building A.
- c. The City of Fort Collins is offering a hazardous waste collection event on May 14th. More info here - <http://events.coloradoan.com/fortcollins/events/city-fort-collin-household-hazardous-waste-coll-/E0-001-092667749-7>

4. Windrow Composting Project -

- a. The University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB), voted to approve the funding (\$274,300) of the initial start-up costs of the windrow composting project that Susanne Cordery from Facilities Management presented to the PSC in February. The Provost’s Office has agreed to fund the operational costs (\$77,000) of the system.
- b. There is a current composting team that supports the operation of the system on the Foothills Campus, with many players from Housing and Dining Services and Facilities Management.

- i. Tonie proposes that a new composting committee with a higher level of oversight be formed. Tom Satterly, the new Associate Vice President for Facilities Management could be the chair of the committee.
- ii. The same composting team as before will still serve on this committee. Other representatives from the LSC, Soil and Crop Sciences Department, Athletics, and other areas will be added to this committee.

Updates from Members

Tonie Miyamoto– At the last PSC meeting, the draft of the committee’s strategic plan was presented to the President. PSC now needs to finalize the strategic plan and submit it to Lynn for her approval. All subcommittees feel comfortable with their goals, which can be revised as the living document evolves. Eventually, the strategic plan will be available on website. Also, Tonie reminded the PSC of President Frank’s challenge of developing a larger “moonshot” goal and methods of support from Administration. The concept of living wages for all employees is being addressed by Lynn and the personnel councils, which is very exciting.

Aleta Weller – Aleta and others from SoGES are currently reviewing applications for the sustainability leadership fellowship program. Also, SoGES will be hosting an open house celebration on May 6th from 3:00-5:00 pm. And, SoGES found some funding to continue their networking dinners into the fall, as they offer good value to the department. Lastly, Aleta asked if she should forward questions about the CSU STARS report to Tonie or if she should respond. Tonie suggested forwarding her the question.

Tony Rappe – On Friday, April 22nd, Tony will be speaking at the College of Natural Sciences awards ceremony, discussing sustainability through the lens of a chemist. He will also have 17 research students in a sustainable chemistry course over the summer

Brian Dunbar – Brian has gotten in contact with the Stadium project manager to begin conversations about signage. He is also trying to incorporate student stories and sustainability initiatives within stadium. Also, Brian recently returned from a trip to Australia to help the University of Melbourne incorporate lenses into the redevelopment of their campus. The Facilities planners at the University were enthusiastic about the lenses and would like to make them a standard within their designs.

Andrew Warnock – Andrew will be hosting elementary students at Lory State Park as an Earth Day event.

Sheela Backen – Sheela and Athletics are planning to make the Ag Day game at Hughes Stadium a Zero Waste Event. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Sheela.

Aaron Fodge – Aaron recently returned from a trip to Arizona State University and was very impressed by their sustainability projects.

Jake Drenth – Surplus Property will be partnering with Housing for Move Out and Leave it Behind. Last year, 36,000 pounds of left behind materials were diverted from the landfill and sold at Surplus’ annual Tent Sale. The Tent Sale will be happening on June 18th and 19th and Jake is looking for volunteers to sort the material before the sale as well as volunteers to run the sale. Link to volunteer - <http://cr.colostate.edu/tentsale/volunteer.html>

Chris Giglio – Environmental Health Services will assist the City of Fort Collins in the May 14th hazardous waste pickup event.

Neyda Gilman – The Library is showcasing student sustainability posters as part of Earth Week.

Kelsey Silver – CSU is participating in the Lose a Watt challenge, which is open to students, faculty and staff. Contact Kelsey for more information.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 16th, 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104