Members Present:

Carol Dollard – Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto – Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Ann Bohm-Small – Administrative Professional Council
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Kelsey Silver – ASCSU
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Allen Padilla – CSURF
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Neyda Gilman – Libraries
Jocelyn Hittle – Denver Operations
Dell Rae Ciaravola – Public Relations
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Graduate Student

1. Composting Presentation

a. Susanne Cordery from Facilities Management is requesting letter of support from the PSC advocating for a composting proposal to the University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB).
b. The request to UFFAB is for a total of $274,300.
c. The current composting facility on the Foothills Campus can only handle 1/3 of waste from dining halls. The rest of the waste from the dining halls is taken to the City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant.
d. There is a strong desire to compost all waste at CSU.
e. The proposal to UFFAB is to build a windrow composting facility, which consistently moistens and turns waste to generate compost.
f. Many other compostable materials such as cups and utensils are going into landfill rather than being composted.
g. The composting project would provide a venue for more comprehensive composting options.
h. There will be many research and internship opportunities for students at the composting facility.
   i. The facility would serve as a learning lab for students in Soil and Crop Sciences, Ecology, and other programs.
   ii. Students could also be taken on educational tours of the facility.
i. Mount Manure on the Foothills Campus will be the location of the new compost facility.
j. Compost will be used for flower beds, large landscape projects around campus, and at the Horticulture Center.
k. The facility will have a storm water retention pond, groundwater protection, odor control, and vector (pest) control.
l. The project will need a survey, a design of the grading and compaction, equipment, documentation and permits.
m. Other funding sources like a nominal fee for users, a new program from Administration, the Energy Revolving Fund, and grants are being pursued for this facility.
n. The state requires all facilities to prepare a closure plan before start so if the project is abandoned, there is a plan to close it.
o. Susanne has involved the Poudre School District in initial conversations about this facility but the facility cannot accept any waste outside of CSU, per regulation.

p. The first composting facility on the Foothills Campus will still operate. However, it has mechanical challenges and is 5 years into its 15 year life span.

q. Facilities Management is actively looking to increase the amount of composting receptacles around campus.

r. The Committee was presented a memo endorsing the project and members agreed with supporting the project.

2. Strategic Plan Update
   a. The Strategic Plan will be a collection of goals generated from the retreat in January.
   b. After completion, the Strategic Plan of the President’s Sustainability Committee will be sent to Administration.
   c. If you missed the Retreat and would like join a sub-committee, please reach out to one of the leaders listed below -
      i. Academic and Research – Tony Rappe and Aleta Weller
      ii. Engagement – Stacey Baumgarn and Tim Broderick
      iii. Operations – Carol Dollard and Aaron Fodge
      iv. Planning and Administration – Allen Padilla and Tonie Miyamoto
   d. Tonie and Carol would like to send the Strategic Plan to Administration by early April so please have your goals complete by end of March.
   e. The Strategic Plan can use both STARS and the University’s Strategic Plan as guidelines.
   f. Uses the University’s SP as a framework too.

3. Flying Petition
   a. Tony Rappe began a presentation about a flying petition.
   b. 9% of the University’s GHG footprint is air travel related and there is an opportunity to reduce footprint by flying less.
   c. Tony shared a petition to count all university related travel (no matter how funded), support reduction, and establish benchmarks to reduce air travel emissions.
   d. 56 academics across the world signed this petition.
   e. Webinars are becoming a good alternative to flying to meetings and conferences.
   f. Tony believes the vast majority of this air travel involves faculty going to conferences.
   g. Tony has received pushback within his department for endorsing this idea.
   h. This topic would make a good SOURCE story instead of email blast with a link to survey.
   i. There is a robust video conferencing service provided by the Library, called BlueJeans, which can be available by contacting Chris Chagnon here in the library. His email is Chris.Chagnon@colostate.edu and phone is 1-1886.

4. EV Memo
   a. Aaron Fodge shared a memo with a goal of CSU’s fleet to have a standard of EVs.
   b. The memo also supports charging infrastructure.
   c. Alternative transportation users should have the ability to travel via motor pool vehicle for work related trips.
   d. Aaron is asking for committee’s support on a memo.
   e. The memo is meant to codify a standard for electric vehicles.
   f. Aaron will send the memo out asking for comments and approval at the next PSC meeting.

5. State of Sustainability Website
   a. Tonie demoed a snapshot website meant to impress external audiences and give quick highlights of sustainability facts. This snapshot website is not meant to list every initiative and program of the University.
   b. The website calls out awards and accolades.
c. It feeds into SOURCE and Green.Colostate.edu for more detailed information on projects and programs.
d. March 21st is the potential launch date of the website—let Tonie know of conflicts.
e. Think of businesses and other entities with ties to the University that can promote this website, i.e. City of Fort Collins, NREL, etc.

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 21st, 1:00-2:30 – Dr. Frank and Vice President Lynn Johnson will be in attendance.**