

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

November 14th, 2016, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Hanna Johnson – ASCSU
Ecoleader Representatives
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Don Albrecht – Morgan Library
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Chanin Tilakamonkul – Facilities Management
Chris Giglio – Environmental Health Services
Jeff Muhs – Energy Institute

1. Climate Realities Pledge Discussion – Carol Dollard and Tonie Miyamoto

- a. The Climate Realities Pledge, which was presented to the PSC in June 2016, is still being reviewed by the President's Office.
- b. The pledge commits the University to being powered by alternative energy by the year 2030.
- c. If the University chooses to sign, it would become the first major institution to endorse the pledge.
- d. The goal of this pledge is attainable within the Climate Action Plan's strategies, which the University will pursue regardless of the Climate Realities pledge.
- e. The pledge was given to the President's Office for review, after Carol and Tonie presented an analysis of the financial and logistical impacts to the campus.
- f. More than 4,000 students have signed the pledge and many students are asking about the approval status of the pledge.
- g. Carol and Tonie asked the committee if PSC should send an official letter of support of the pledge to Administration.
- h. The PSC agreed this might be helpful in bringing Administration's attention to the pledge.
- i. Carol shared that she has been involved in conversations about campus wind power, which would be hugely helpful to this goal.
- j. The conversations about large scale solar on the Foothills Campus have been put on hold while land use negotiations are underway.
- k. This is a soft pledge and General Counsel has agreed that the language is not legally binding. If we were to back away from this pledge, there could be a lot of PR backlash but no legal ramifications.
- l. The letter of support was signed by the PSC and will be delivered to Lynn Johnson.

2. STARS Credit Update – Tonie Miyamoto and Kirstie Tedrick

- a. The STARS 2.1 report has very stringent criteria and CSU's preliminary score is on the edge of Platinum.
 - i. The projected score so far is 85.7. A platinum score is 85.
- b. 85% of the credits are in the report now. The remaining 15% of credits are being finalized.
- c. There are still several credits needing more detail.
- d. An email was sent to all of the department heads, asking them to review a list of courses focused on sustainability and a list of courses related to sustainability.
- e. Kirstie has reviewed every 2015-2016 course offered at CSU, and flagged focused and related sustainability courses based on the course title and description.
- f. Several department heads have not yet responded to the email.

- i. Tonie asked the PSC to touch base with their department heads to remind them to review their course information.
 - ii. Becca will send a list of department heads who have yet to respond.
- g. Tonie asked if there is a way to track additional research staff working on projects along with the PI, within the research database.
 - i. Tony Rappe said only if the additional staff are listed as co-PIs.
 - ii. A research credit asks for the total number of research faculty (not just PIs) are working on sustainability related research.
 - iii. Bill and Paul asked Tonie if unfunded reach work or “scholarly activity” can count within this credit. If so, the Provost’s office maintains reports and writings about unfunded work.
- h. Another credit needing more details is an engagement credit evaluating academic courses requiring community service or service learning.
 - i. This credit cannot include paid positions.
 - ii. Bill suggested that Toni send an email to the gen fac email for self-reporting.
 - iii. An Ecoleader suggested the College of Engineering PLI program.
- i. A credit asks about the handling of chemically intensive processes.
 - i. Jake will send Tonie information about the e-waste recycling program within Surplus.

3. Greening the Game Day Experience – Carol Dollard

- a. Carol, Tonie, and Stacey have been approached by a marketing group hired by Athletics.
- b. This group is trying to implement zero waste game days and specifically, they have asked for 40 volunteers to sort waste into trash, recycling, and compost.
- c. This is modeled after CU Boulder’s game day clean up. However, CU Boulder pays student volunteers to do this sorting.
- d. Can a sponsor pay for the volunteers while sponsoring the event?
 - i. Jake suggested Zero Hero as a third-party agency that organizes volunteers for waste collection.
- e. Is Athletics willing to charge an extra surcharge on ticket sales to pay for the volunteer work?
- f. Carol and Tonie will keep the PSC updated as this topic progresses.

4. Updates from Members

Don Albrecht – Don is the new representative to the PSC from the Morgan Library. He will also serve as the Chair of the Library’s internal sustainability committee.

Ecoleaders – The results from the Green Warrior campaign are finalized and 24.58% (1,682 total) of students participated in the program. This is the highest participation rate in the program’s history.

Hanna Johnson – Hanna will be organizing a campus sustainability forum on December 6th.

Jeff Muhs – Jeff mentioned two programs that might fit into the STARS report. The sustainable energy minor in the Energy Institute is very popular and is led by Ken Reardon. And, the College of Business is about to launch a carbon counting MBA program.

Tonie Miyamoto – Aggie Village is officially LEED Gold certified and Ambient Energy is using this as a case study for LEED 4, which will be a stringent system.