



**PRESIDENT'S
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Minutes

February 19th, 2018, 1:00-2:30 pm

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto - HDS, Student Affairs – Co-Chair of PSC
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Doug Max - Athletics
Van Wallace – Facilities Management
Tim Broderick - HDS
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Jocelyn Hittle – CSU System
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
Nicole Johnson - College of Business, Global Social & Sustainable Enterprise
Jessica Davis – College of Agricultural Sciences
Terra Sampson – Warner College of Natural Resources
Olivia Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Chris Giglio – Environmental Health Services
Linda Meserve – Procurement Services
Diego Lopez – EcoLeader
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services

1. Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council – SUSTAIN program

- a. Kathy Brandon, a buyer for Housing & Dining Services presented the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council's new SUSTAIN program.
- b. CSU is now a member of the [Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council](#), which is an organization dedicated to sustainable purchasing, across many industries and fields.
- c. The Council hosts an annual conference in May and more information about the program will be released then.
- d. The SUSTAIN program will evaluate and recommend credible sustainability standards, certifications, and label to make purchasing sustainable products easier and more effective.
- e. The Council issued a letter of support for the program and Kathy asked the PSC to consider endorsing or supporting the program with a letter.
- f. Will CSU purchasing agents must have sustainability certifications (with associated costs) in order to participate in the SUSTAIN purchasing program? This is unclear currently.
 - i. Linda mentioned that there is not enough information about SUSTAIN in the letter to determine if CSU should endorse the program.
- g. Ideally, this program could alleviate the issue of products claiming to be sustainable without any credentials.
- h. The PSC agreed to send a letter agreeing with the concept of the program but not officially endorsing it. After more information about the program is released in May, the PSC may consider officially endorsing the program.
 - i. The letter will note that CSU hopes the new designation created by the program will not be cost-prohibitive.

2. Airline Travel Subcommittee Update

- a. The Airline Travel Subcommittee consists of Van Wallace, Aaron Fodge, Carol Dollard, Stacey Baumgarn, Dr. Tony Rappe, Dr. Bill Timpson, and Terra Sampson.
- b. Airline travel is 10% of CSU's greenhouse gas footprint and the University's Climate Action Plan specifically identifies a need to establish a policy to offset GHG emission generated by air travel.
- c. The Airline Travel Subcommittee only has data about air travel expenses, not miles. This lack of mile data is challenging when analyzing the footprint. The data also doesn't include travel paid by other institutions or organizations.
 - i. A formula was used to translate the financial information into estimated GHG emissions.
- d. In recent years, there has been a sharp increase of expenses relating to national and international travel by faculty, staff, and students.
- e. 50% of airline emissions are generated by faculty, staff, and students within Colleges and 49% is generated by others within the University.
- f. Airline Travel Subcommittee recognizes two options to move forward:
 - i. Reduce – Encourage virtual communication/conferencing and encourage eco-friendlier travel
 - ii. Offset – Invest in carbon reducing projects and commercial offsets
- g. Reducing flights may be met with resistance due to perceptions of travel as a job perk, virtual meeting challenges, etc. Offsetting travel emissions will be very costly
- h. Other institutions charge a carbon surcharge to flight purchases and others have created "climate action funds". These are both options CSU could potentially pursue.
- i. Linda mentioned that there is a team on campus evaluating the TEM (travel module in Kauli), which could potentially track airline/travel miles for better data.
 - i. Linda noted that she and Farrah will look into the potential of adding a travel fee in Kauli. Likely, this will be a costly programming change.
- j. The Environmentally Friendly Purchasing Policy allows for a department to spend up to an additional 5% of the cost of a green product. It may be possible to translate this into air travel expenses.
- k. Next Steps – The subcommittee will meet with Purchasing to understand how to start an offset program.

3. Earth Week Update

- a. April 1st is the deadline to send Tonie information about Earth Week events, to be included in print material.
- b. See Earth Week schedule below. Events added during meeting listed in red.

4. Updates from Members

Doug – The composting efforts at Moby during the Men's basketball game vs. Wyoming were very successful!

Jocelyn – Jocelyn would like to engage the PSC in a review of the first design concept for the NWC. PSC engaged in a review of the program plan of the NWC but design input would also be helpful. This could potentially take place outside of the regular meeting.

Stacey – 3 labs are engaged in the ultra-low freezer challenge. 12 freezers (average of 25-35 kWh) have been replaced with energy efficient freezers (average of 8 kWh). The energy savings are equivalent to energy produced by 7-8 households in a week.

Terra – NR Days are scheduled for the week before Earth Week. Terra has also reached out to the webmaster for an update to www.green.colostate.edu to add programs to the outreach section.

Andrew – Andrew will be attending an environmental film festival in Golden, relating to student engagement.

Tim – We are in Week 2 of Recyclemania (total of 8 weeks) which is a recycling competition among residence halls. HDS created a [recycling game](#), which is very popular. 607 student are actively engaged in the program, which is more than last

year. And, this year's waste audit is scheduled for March 8th from 9am to 2pm on the plaza. Consider [volunteering](#) for a 30 minute shift.

Olivia – Olivia is the new Director of the Student Sustainability Center as Emily is graduating in May. The SSC will soon hire a Director of Engagement and ASCSU will soon have two open Environmental Affairs positions.

Carol – Representatives from The State University of New York have asked Carol to host a sustainability day for them on campus. Potentially, this will coincide with a PSC meeting. And, Carol was interviewed by [The Coloradoan](#) last week about the renewable electricity RFP, which is getting more public attention.

Tonie – On Wednesday, February 28th Gina McCarthy, former EPA Administrator will give a [free speech](#) on campus in the LSC. Student volunteers are still needed to staff the event and volunteers will have access to food and drink with Gina after the speech. Also, Allen Padilla is back at CSUF and he is verifying Sierra Club' investment questionnaire.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 19th 1:00:30 pm in TILT 104.

Earth Week 2018

April 21-27

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, April 21

10am-2pm: CSU Unity Day of Service

11am-5pm: Earth Day Fort Collins at Civic Center Park

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day

[Odell/Motherlove Poudre River Cleanup](#)

Monday, April 23

10am-2pm: CSU Earth Day Festival at LSC Sculpture Garden

Tuesday, April 24

2pm-4pm: PSC Sustainability Milestones Celebration at Durrell – send milestone events from April 2017-2018.

Durrell Bee Hive Ribbon Cutting?

5pm-6:30pm: GBC: Ignite Biodiversity at Avo's

Wednesday, April 25

10am-12pm: Earth, Sun, and Fire Tour

4pm-6pm: Africa and Ale at Gregory Allicar Museum of Art

[7pm: ASCSU Sustainability Trivia in the Ramskeller](#)

Thursday, April 26

4pm-5:15pm: Eco Leader Independent Project Showcase at Pavilion – PhD lecture

5pm-10pm: "Dirt" Performance and Talkback at Bas Blue (invitation only)

Friday, April 27

1pm-2:30 pm: Tree Campus USA along Plum Street

11am-1pm: Compost Giveaway and eWaste Collection at Moby Arena Parking Lot

[3pm-5pm: ClimateWise, Fort Collins Marriott](#)

TBD:

ASCSU events – Career Fair?

Other?

