



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

Minutes

June 18th, 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
Tim Broderick - HDS
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Ashley Carlisle – STARS Intern
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Dan McGrath – Warner College of Natural Resources
Monica Latham – CSU Library
Doug Max – Athletics
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Jessica Davis – College of Agricultural Sciences
Nicole Johnson – College of Business

1. Campus as an Arboretum

- a. Fred Haberecht is the University Landscape Architect and Planner.
- b. Fred is advocating for the University to become a certified arboretum to create an engaging learning laboratory environment for students, employees, and community visitors.
- c. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is anticipated to arrive in Larimer County within the next 10 years. 15% of the campus' urban forest is comprised of ash trees and will be susceptible to the EAB.
- d. The certification process for campus to become an arboretum includes a self-assessment of several criteria such as tree labeling, staff and volunteer supports, etc.
- e. Currently, the proposed goal of arboretum certification is a "Level 3" arboretum, which if achieved, would be unprecedented for a college campus.
- f. 150 tree planting event in 2020 to celebrate campus as an arboretum.
- g. Over the last decade, \$8 million worth of investment has been made in campus garden collections, including the Trial Gardens, the UCA Perennial Gardens, the CSU Horticulture Center, and the Heritage Garden.
- h. The proposed Campus as an Arboretum concept will be located along the frontage of College Avenue from Prospect to Laurel. This location will be conducive for trees and has historical context as well.
- i. Arborists will diversify the campus collection through this effort, by planting trees never before seen on campus.
- j. Other related initiatives include a potential orchard located at the Lagoon, which is soon to be revitalized, and a tree-planting goal of 150 trees planted in 2020, to celebrate CSU's sesquicentennial.
- k. Fred asked the PSC to consider endorsing the proposal to Administration.
 - i. Tonie suggested that this proposal and associated endorsement will be included in discussion at the upcoming retreat.

2. Retreat Reminder and Overview

- a. The PSC Retreat is scheduled for July 6th from 9-3 pm at TAMASAG.

- b. Becca will send an RSVP for a headcount for lunch along with the minutes. Becca will also send the Strategic Plan.
- c. The intent of the retreat will be to update goals from the Strategic Plan and develop new goals moving forward.

3. NACUBO Poster on the Intersectionality between Environment, Economics, and Social Justice

- a. Lynn Johnson will attend the NACUBO conference in July and will have a poster of sustainability initiatives to share. Tonie developed a draft of a poster emphasizing the intersectionality between environment, economics, and social justice.
- b. Tonie asked the PSC to send her any additional initiatives that fit within the intersectionality context that should be included on the poster.
- c. The poster could be included online as a dynamic storyboard. Video content could potentially be included on the website as well.

4. Institutional Learning Outcomes Update

- a. A Task Force was recently to evaluate institutional learning outcomes. The evaluation resulted in an inclusion of sustainability as a learning outcome.
- b. The draft will be reviewed and potentially adopted at the President's Fall Forum and then an implementation plan will be developed.
- c. The Research and Academic subgroup will evaluate this draft at the PSC retreat.
 - i. Tonie suggested that the PSC send a cohesive summary of critical revisions, rather than individual responses.
 - ii. Tony Rappe will also discuss sustainability-related learning outcomes at the college level for the College of Natural Sciences.
- d. More information will develop about this topic and will be shared with the PSC.

5. Updates from Members

Sheela – The compost bagger machine is ordered! The Compost Committee plans to sell compost from the campus compost systems next year.

Monica – The Morgan Library will host a series of Lunch and Learn events over the summer, all-relating to sustainability. The events will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 in the Event Hall. On July 18th, the Lunch and Learn will focus on bicycle friendly driver training. Lunch is provided for the first 25 attendees.

Stacey – 14 labs participated in the freezer challenge, which is a much higher participation rate than in previous years. Also, CSU will host and I2SL Education Day in August, which will focus on sustainability and energy conservation in laboratories. More information will come about that event.

Andrew – CNS is hosting several summer camps and the events will be zero waste!

Tim – HDS is hiring a Sustainability Coordinator.

Carol – Facilities will soon hire a fleet manager and carol is exciting about collaborating with the new hire on more sustainable fleet management. Carol also recently attended the Social Justice Leadership Class hosted through CSU by Dr. Kathy Obear. Carol highly recommends the class!

Tonie – The STARS 2.2 platform will be released in December 2018. The PSC seemed in favor of waiting until the 2.2 platform is released to also complete the Princeton Review report and the Sierra Club report.