



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

Minutes

December 17th, 2018, 1:00-2:30 pm

Michael Smith Addition – Room 345

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto - HDS, Student Affairs – Co-Chair of PSC
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Tim Broderick – Housing & Dining Services
Brian Dunbar – IBE
Ashley Carlisle – SATRS Intern
Oliva Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Haley Dallas – ASCSU Environmental Affairs
Maggie Gilman – Zero Waste Team
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Rick Novak – Administrative Professional Council
Farrah Bustamante – Procurement Services
Doug Max – Athletics
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Jessica Davis – College of Agricultural Sciences
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Monica Latham – CSU Libraries

1. Zero Waste Team Presentation

- a. Haley Dallas and Maggie Gilman gave an overview of the work of the Zero Waste Team.
- b. The Zero Waste Team hosted a successful Zero Waste Symposium this year and are now in the planning stages for next year's event.
- c. The definition of "zero waste" will be expanded in next year's event and planning is starting earlier than in previous years.
- d. CSU is now a member of the Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN) and several Zero Waste Team students attended the annual conference in November 2018. In 2019, CSU will be the only west coast stop on PLAN's Points of Intervention tour.
- e. The Zero Waste Team is planning many events, including tabling events, a keynote speech, a "trashion" show, etc. in conjunction with CSU Earth Week 2019.
- f. The Zero Waste Team has been very successful in pushing for composting at the Stadium, registering the University as a PLAN member, hosting well-received Zero Waste Symposium events, and more.
- g. Several Zero Waste Team members will be graduating soon (or already have) and the team is creating a transition plan to keep progressing goals.

2. 1870's Dinner Booth

- a. The 1870's Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th.
- b. The organizers of the event were most interested in the PSC hosting a hands-on trash-sorting booth at the event.
- c. Tonie will engage with volunteers and more information will come soon.

3. 100% Carbon Free Power Announcements

- a. Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) recently [announced](#) a new commitment of being carbon neutral by 2030, which aligns with CSU's carbon neutrality goals.
- b. The City of Longmont, City of Fort Collins, and City of Estes Park have all also set carbon neutrality goals by 2030. These three communities, plus the City of Loveland, comprise PRPA's service area.
- c. Xcel Energy also recently [announced](#) a carbon neutrality goal – 80% reduction by 2030 and 100% reduction by 2050. Xcel is the first major utility provider to commit to a carbon neutrality goal.
- d. These are exciting announcements and the goals of these utility providers will help CSU achieve our carbon neutrality goals in turn.

4. STARS 2.2 Data Gathering

- a. 2019 is STARS reporting year.
- b. STARS 2.0 data collection and report generation took 12 months to complete and 2.1 took 9 months to complete. The criteria for STARS 2.2 is more stringent and likely will take about 12 months or longer to complete.
- c. Currently, there are five platinum rated universities, including CSU. 2019 reports such as Princeton Review and Sierra Club are due March 31st
- d. There are two options for 2019 reporting –
 - i. CSU can resubmit a report again under the 2.1 version of STARS but that would only make sense if there is sizeable progress to report in certain areas.
 - ii. Or, CSU can let the March 2019 deadline for the other reports pass and be first platinum report in STARS 2.2, which has been the previous pattern (CSU was the first platinum report in STARS 2.0 and 2.1)
- e. Carol recommended to wait and submit a report in 2.2 because there isn't enough progress to report on 2.1. We are actively making progress in developing sustainability related institutional learning outcomes, fleet management, and the integrated pest management plan which can be reported in 2.2 with more time for development.
- f. Other universities may potentially submit platinum reports in March 2019, which may drop CSU's overall standing but waiting to submit will allow us more time to research and develop a strong report.
- g. It was also mentioned that having the pressure to accomplish some goals to report in 2.2 will be beneficial.
- h. Areas of Focus
 - i. Institutional Learning Outcomes – This credit is now split in two. The first piece of the credit focuses on if there is a campus-wide institutional learning outcome related to sustainability and the second piece is the total number of students who graduate from a sustainability focused academic program.
 - ii. Open Access to Research – Criteria Change
 - iii. Food and Beverage Purchases – Area of Improvement
 - iv. Landscape Management – The creation of an Integrated Pest Management Plan will improve this area.
 - v. Biodiversity – Assessment Required
 - vi. Campus Fleet – Area of Improvement
- i. Areas of Focus in 2.2
 - i. Affordability and Access – New Criteria
 - ii. Wellness Program – Smoke-free campus will improve the score in this area.
 - iii. Innovation – Need new ideas – Land Acknowledgement was mentioned as an idea.
- j. Tonie and Ashely will bring STARS credits to each PSC meeting to discuss with the group, as new ideas and thoughts will help the reporting process.
- k. Credit for Review/Discussion - Undergrad and Grad Programs

- i. Credit asks to identify undergraduate and graduate, majors, minors, and concentrations that have a primary and explicit focus on the concept of sustainability or the interdependence of ecological systems and social/economic systems. Academic certificates also count in this credit.
- ii. Past STARS reports have included at least one major, minor, or concentration in each college that matches this definition.
- iii. **ACTION ITEM: Olivia will send Tonie and Ashley the list of sustainability related majors and minors from SoGES.**
- iv. **ACTION ITEM: Becca will send the working list of majors, minors, and concentrations that will be submitted in the report for the PSC to review.**

5. Updates from Members

Becca – This will be Becca’s last PSC meeting because she has accepted a new position in Facilities Management. Thanks everyone! 😊

Ashley – Ashley is currently gathering data for STARS so she may reach out to you for information soon.

Dan – The Warner College of Natural Resources will soon be hiring three positions, two non-tenure track faculty and one staff position to work on Diversity and Inclusion programs in the College.

Aaron – E-scooters will soon arrive in the City and on campus within the next 3 months or so and Aaron is trying to prepare guidelines to protect the University. Parking and Transportation Services also recently won a transportation excellence award in November.

Stacey – The Ultra-Low Freezer Challenge will soon kick-off!

Andrew – CNS is offering a new ocean plastic pollution kit at Todos Santos and Semester at Sea, to increase student awareness. There is also a new pollinator kit available through a partnership with the Gardens at Spring Creek.

Rick – The Administrative Professional Council has a communications subcommittee and can communicate PSC updates and initiatives to AP staff.

Brian – Dean McCubbin from the College of Health and Human Sciences is retiring and will be the new Dean for Semester at Sea. Brian will try to mention the inclusion of sustainability in the Semester at Sea program to him.

Tony – The E-waste course will be a permanent course in the Chemistry department by January 2020.

Tim – The Pollinator Friendly Campus Committee has a draft of an Integrated Pest Management Plan, which will be finalized soon. The Green Warrior campaign concluded with a follow-up survey to participants. 96% of participants agree that Green Warrior has impacted their long-term suitability decisions. Students also shared that they were more motivated by the tree planting incentives rather than physical prizes offered by the campaign. Tim has accepted a position with Boulder County and this will also be his last meeting.

Bill – The Rotary Foundation has a project funding priority list that includes sustainability as a parameter to fund a project.

Tonie – The next meeting will conflict with the MLK Holiday (January 21) so the PSC agreed to move the January meeting to Monday, January 28th. Location to be confirmed shortly.

Next Meeting – Monday, January 28th 1:00-2:30 pm in location TBD.