



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

Minutes

November 12th, 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 – Housing & Dining Services
Travis Croft – Facilities Management
Gina McCrackin – ASCSU Environmental Affairs
Oliva Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Erika Benti – Parking and transportation Services
Rick Novak – Administrative Professional Council
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
Jeb Stuart – Procurement Services
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
John Fitch – CSU Libraries
Monica Latham – CSU Libraries
Tim Brennan – Office of Diversity
Margarita Lenk – Faculty Council

1. Letter to Presidential Search Committee

- a. There are several opportunities for CSU faculty, staff, and students to engage with the Presidential Search Committee and express desired attributes in Dr. Frank's successor.
- b. It was suggested that the PSC offer insight into desired attributes in regards to sustainability. Stacey drafted a letter addressed by the PSC, outlining preferred skills and qualities in a new President.
- c. Suggestions to add to Challenges and Opportunities –
 - Controlling impact of University's growth in greenhouse gas context.
 - Adoption of high performance building standards.
 - Source of controlled maintenance funding.
 - Affordable housing initiatives.
- d. Other edits captured in red below.
- e. Email Becca.Mueller@colostate.edu by EOD tomorrow with final edits/comments.
- f. Margarita suggested that a PSC member read the memo out loud at the final Listening Session.

2. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

- a. FY17 Footprint - 201,000 metric tons equivalent with 11.3 million gsf.
- b. FY18 footprint – 207,000 metric tons equivalent with 12.3 million gsf.
- c. Some progress is being made and the GHG footprint increased lower than expected, given the increase in square footage added.
- d. Green house gas emissions per student and per square foot have both decreased by 33%.
- e. The work of the Airline Travel Subcommittee will help capture better data. Fuel use is only counted if staff are using vehicles from Motor Pool, not a personal vehicle. Mileage/fuel data from

reimbursements of personal vehicle use has been included in the GHG report for the first time this year.

- f. The City's GHG footprint is trending in the same way ours is.

3. 1870 Dinner Booth

- a. The PSC has been asked to consider hosting an interactive booth at the 1870's Dinner in February, which is a black tie gala event for University donors.
- b. Do we want to do this? What would we do?
- c. Ideas like trivia, waste sorting, poster presentation, etc. were discussed but not finalized.
- d. The PSC agreed to accept the invitation but to keep brainstorming which specific activities to do at the booth.

4. Updated Mission and Charge Finalization

- a. The Mission was discussed at the last meeting but not finalized. The Charge was given to the PSC from the President's Office and will require more discussion with Dr. Frank to edit.
- b. John suggested adding the word "integrated" to the Charge. This edit would need to be approved by Dr. Frank.
- c. Rick moved to approve as was presented on the agenda (without "integrated"). Tony seconded.
- d. The PSC voted unanimously in favor of approving the Mission and Charge as presented.
- e. Stacey suggested revisiting the charge with a new president in the future.

Mission: The President's Sustainability Commission promotes and facilitates the effective integration of sustainability across all aspects of the University.

Charge: The Commission has the important role of providing the President and Cabinet a variety of perspectives on sustainability from an environmental, economic, and social justice lens.

5. Updates from Members

Carol – The PSC meetings will be relocated to the Warner College Conference Room 345 in the Michael Smith Addition. Becca will send a reminder of this change with the next meeting agenda. Also, Stacey and Carol recently met with CSU Pueblo Sustainability Office to discuss different sustainability initiatives. Carol invited the staff to CSU Fort Collins Campus and perhaps they will attend a PSC meeting.

Jake – The contract for the electronic recycler expires soon and the contract will be put out to bid again. It was suggested that we consider supporting an initiative to build the e-waste recycling fee into the cost of buying a new computer at CSU. Temple University has an advanced recovery fee model to look at.

Erika – Winter Bike to Work Day is December 12th from 7:00-9:30 am.

Travis – Travis is working on graphics for the GHG report and graphic representations of the Climate Action Plan strategies.

Tim – The Green Warrior Campaign ended and was very successful. 35% of students in residence halls and Aggie Village participated in Green Warrior and prizes included tree planting options, rather than a physical object. 3,372 trees will be planted in the southeast United States as a result of this initiative. The RECs for trees planted could help GHG footprint.

Julie – The Water Center is hosting the Subsurface Water Storage Symposium tomorrow and Wednesday in the Lory Student Center. Save the Date for Friday, February 1st for the 2019 Poudre River Forum at the Drake Center. General Admission will cost \$60 and subsidized registration and free student registration will also be available. The Zero Waste Team may participate in this event.

Olivia – The Coalition of Student Sustainable Organizations will meet this week to collaborate on sustainability projects. The SSC is also working with honor students to increase sustainability projects to University housing areas.

Gina – ASCSU met with Design and Merchandising department and Who Gives a Scrap to implement textile waste recycling. Who Gives a Scrap will be giving coupons and exchange work for textile supplies. Clothing will not be accepted in these recycling bins that will be located in Gifford, just raw textiles. ASCSU is also involved in preliminary conversations about a thrift store on campus. The ASCSU President wants to implement a required sustainability quiz for students to take upon registration at CSU. More details about this will come soon.

Tonie – The University’s sesquicentennial kicks off next year and Tonie is thinking about how the PSC can participate. A documentary about CSU will be created and Tonie is on the committee planning events for the celebration. The sustainability milestone list will likely be included.

DATE: November xx, 2018

TO: Presidential Search Advisory Committee

FROM: Colorado State University President’s Sustainability Commission

CC: Tony Frank, President
Lynn Johnson, Vice President for University Operations

SUBJECT: Desired attributes in a new president for Colorado State University

On behalf of the President's Sustainability Commission (PSC), this memo is provided to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, in order to outline and highlight the desired attributes a new president for Colorado State University will demonstrate and practice in support of CSU's ongoing commitment to sustainability.

The ideal candidate will exhibit and practice one or more of these attributes related to sustainability:

- A personal and institutional commitment to sustainability and acknowledgement of climate change and the challenges it presents (examples of challenges here)
- A recognition(attention to) of CSU's (long history of) sustainability commitments and achievements to date (willingness to act as a champion or ambassador)
- An understanding of sustainability as an integrated, embedded, and authentic component of a higher education experience and degree
- An understanding and ability to articulate sustainability as a holistic approach that recognizes the intersectionality of economics, social justice, and environmental justice (should this be the first bullet?)
- Support for and a willingness to allocate investment toward the achievement of ongoing and future sustainability initiatives throughout the institution including the realization of the University's Climate Action Plan, Climate Reality Pledge of 100% renewable electricity by 2030, and the Sustainability Strategic Plan
- An open door to students to hear proposals, address concerns, and engage in initiatives related to sustainability
- Enthusiastic support for the role and mission of the President's Sustainability Commission
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The challenges and opportunities for the next president may include:

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The PSC would like to thank the Presidential Search Advisory Committee for your consideration of these desired attributes in the next president for Colorado State University. CSU is one of the highest ranked institutions in terms of sustainability and we have much to be proud of – yet, there is work to be done to further the mission of CSU and its institutional sustainability goals.

PSC BACKGROUND:

Colorado State University has accomplished many sustainability achievements due to strong leadership and support from President Frank combined with the commitment and embedded sustainability culture of our individual faculty, staff and students. The President's Sustainability Commission is proud of the accomplishments to date and looks forward to working with the new president to continue to make progress.

We appreciate any effort the Presidential Search Advisory Committee can make to ensure that sustainability is part of the process and a strongly held value of the new president.

As context, the President's Sustainability Commission would like to provide a little background on CSU's sustainability accomplishments to date, and intentions for the future.

Colorado State University has built a strong reputation and received a significant amount of national attention for campus sustainability. Including but **not** limited to:

- CSU was the first institution in the world to achieve a Platinum rating in STARS, an independent rating system that measures comprehensive sustainability efforts at more than 800 universities around the world. CSU first achieved Platinum in 2015 and again in 2017
- 2018 – CSU is #6 on the Princeton Review Top 50 Green Colleges
- 2018 – CSU is #4 on the Sierra Club Cool Schools ranking
- 2018 – CSU became a certified Bee Campus USA, recognized as the first pollinator friendly campus in the Rocky Mountain region
- 2016 – CSU named the #1 Top Performing Institution for Sustainability by the Chronicle of Higher Education

- 2015 – Postsecondary Sustainability Awards, Green Ribbon Schools Program, recognized by the US Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School
- 2015 – CSU named EPA WasteWise Partner of the Year
- 2015 – Recognized as one of just five Platinum Bicycle Friendly Universities
- 2012 – Recognized Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation
- 2009 – Recognized Platinum ClimateWise partner, a City of Fort Collins program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our community

Many of the strategic plans and guidance has come through the channel of the President’s Sustainability Commission – originally founded as a university committee, SEEAC – Sustainability, Energy and the Environment Activities Committee in 2009, transitioned to the President’s Sustainability Committee in April 2014, and then, under the guidance of CSU President Tony Frank, was designated as the President’s Sustainability Commission in January 2018.

The President’s Sustainability Commission (and its members) have developed and/or provided insight or input into the following CSU commitments, goals, plans, and reports (the following is just a sample):

- President’s Sustainability Commission **Sustainability Strategic Plan** – an outline of specific goals and objectives to not only help us achieve the operational goals in our Climate Action Plan, but also to address the social justice and economic aspects of sustainability that are so critical to a holistic approach that considers and engages our entire campus community
 - Each goal correlates to one of the eleven goals in the University’s Strategic Plan to ensure that our sustainability efforts are in lockstep with the University’s goals
 - A living document to be updated as we make progress and identify new strategies
- 2017 – **Climate Reality Pledge** – signed by CSU President Tony Frank – commits Colorado State University to utilize 100% renewable electricity by 2030
- 2017 – CSU Morgan Library prepares: **Building a Sustainable Future for Morgan Library at CSU** document – outlining the role the library plays in advancing sustainability at CSU
- 2016 – CSU Housing & Dining Services commissions a **Climate Action Sub-plan**
- 2014 – CSU **Bicycle Master Plan**
- 2010 (updated 2013, 2015, 2018) – CSU **Climate Action Plan** – a living document updated bi-annually, this outlines the strategies of CSU’s plan to achieve climate neutrality by 2050
- 2008 – CSU signs the **American College and University President’s Climate Commitment** – committing CSU to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions to zero. In addition, ACUPCC commits the university to conducting greenhouse gas emissions inventories, and the development of a Climate Action Plan to outline plans to reduce emissions
- 2001 – CSU signs the **Talloires Declaration**, an official statement made by university administrators to commit to sustainability in higher education, and to incorporate sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations, and environmental outreach