

## President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

**Members Present:** Carol Dollard – Facilities Management  
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs  
Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management and Classified Personnel Council  
Ann Bohm-Small – Administrative Professional Council  
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering  
Mark Ritschard – College of Engineering  
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council  
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment  
Aleta Weller - SoGES  
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources  
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services  
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences  
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property  
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences  
Allen Padilla – CSURF  
Neyda Gilman – Libraries  
Jocelyn Hittle – Denver Operations  
Jacob Kimicek – Student Sustainability Center  
Farrah Bustamante – Procurement Services  
Dell Rae Ciaravola – Public Relations  
Lynn Johnson – Vice President for University Operations  
Tony Frank – President

### 1. President's Sustainability Committee Accomplishments

- I. President Frank began the meeting by thanking the PSC and commenting that the thinking of the committee has led the University to very successful initiatives.
- II. Carol and Tonie gave a short presentation about the mission and achievements of the PSC in 2015.
  - i. The short update included a demonstration of the State of Sustainability website.

### 2. Strategic Plan Review

- I. At the PSC retreat in January, sub-groups aligned with the STARS areas of evaluation and spurred ideas for long-term sustainability goals for the University. Each sub-group shared their goals with President Frank.

#### II. Academics

- i. Community of engaged students, staff, and faculty with foundational knowledge about sustainability issues
- ii. Sustainability content infused in AUCC curriculum without dilution of disciplinary learning objectives
- iii. Sustainability Learning outcomes for all students

#### III. Research

- i. Incentivize New - Joint postdoctoral positions (SoGES). Support for proposal prep and administration.
- ii. Expand & Improve - Improve networking and organization of faculty on sustainability topics, identify strengths and gaps. Build on value of existing programs and internal support
- iii. Excellence – Recognition (big, University-level award). Encouragement for interdisciplinary work

#### IV. Engagement

- i. Establish a community service graduation requirement
- ii. Improve student organization involvement in campus sustainability efforts

- iii. Improve and assess student engagement in CSU sustainability efforts
- iv. Improve and assess employee engagement in CSU sustainability efforts
- v. Further integrate sustainable best practices into CSU outreach, events, materials and publications
- vi. Further integrate sustainable best practices for trademark licensing and strategic partnerships at CSU

#### **V. Operations**

- i. Support energy & water efficiency measures in Buildings and Infrastructure
- ii. Support the culture of sustainability in stadium game day operations
- iii. Invest in transportation systems, roads, and sidewalks
- iv. Zero waste campus...or darn near it!
- v. Enforce and bolster Environmental Preferable Purchasing Policy and increase qualifying purchases to 25%

#### **VI. Administration and Planning**

- i. Increase positive sustainability investments
- ii. Create funding mechanisms to grow sustainable infrastructure and initiatives
- iii. Aspirational goal: Living wage for all CSU staff

#### **VII. Challenges to CSU**

- i. President Frank commended the goals of the PSC and commended the committee. No other group on campus has driven outcomes like this grassroots sustainability group.
- ii. President Frank posed a Grand Challenge to the committee – Is there a grand goal that the University should consider, in regards to sustainability? Would this goal become more attainable with President Frank’s support?
- iii. By the fall of 2016, President Frank would like to know if the PSC has a grand goal to pursue.

### **3. Updates from Members**

**Kristie Tedrick** – Kristie is the graduate student hired to complete the STARS 2.0 Report. She is currently collecting data about the curriculum portion of the report.

**Aleta Weller** – Because the Research sub-group is small, Aleta reached out to other academics and researchers to broaden the group. They are still in the early stages of planning. More detailed goals will come from that sub-group soon.

**Stacey Baumgarn** – Stacey has received many requests for help in water conservation efforts across campus and he is excited about other opportunities for resource conservation.

**Jake Drenth** – Liberty University staff recently shadowed Jake’s Surplus Property staff for the development of a new surplus program at their University. Jake is also working with a vendor for a pilot of shrink wrap recycling. He is hopeful to move this initiative across campus if it is successful.

**Esther Duke** – Esther is planning a tourism and sustainability conference in October in Italy. Contact her for more details if you are interested.

**Andrew Warnock** – Andrew will be a keynote speaker for a conference in in Estes Park.

**Jacob Kimicek** – Emily Taylor will be the new Student Sustainability Center Director, once Jacob graduates.

**Jocelyn Hittle** – The Water Research Building at the National Western Center is coming out of the ground soon and Jocelyn and her team are brainstorming ideas and solutions to water problems.

**Mark Ritschard** – Mark mentioned a waste problem he sees within College of Engineering. Some processes require hard copies of documents, which generates a lot of paper waste. Mark is interested in starting a conversation about electronic signatures across campus. Is there an electronic workflow software available to process documents

electronically? Lynn suggested that the Office of General Counsel review the feasibility of this change, if it is pursued further.

**Bill Timpson** – Bill teaches a class about Exploring Sustainable Solutions. He has hosted a few guest lecturers from the President’s Sustainability Committee and he sees the real life applicability of the topics discussed on campus.

**Jesse Parker** – The LEED Gold plaque for the Scott Bioengineering Building has been installed in the main lobby of the building.

**Brian Dunbar** – The Larimer County Office of Aging approached IBE to discuss the affordability of aging people staying in their homes as they age. IBE will host a workshop on May 6<sup>th</sup> to brainstorm best practices about affordably aging.

**Tim Broderick** – The waste audit results showed a 16.29% contamination rate in the waste stream.

**Farah Bustamante** – Farrah has found a volunteer to conduct a pipet tip box recycling project and she will report the results back to the PSC later on.

**Neyda Gilman** – Neyda hosts Lunch and Learn meetings with the Library’s Sustainability Committee. She is looking for more speakers and topic so contact her if you are interested in speaking at a Lunch and Learn.

**Carol Dollard** – Carol and CSU will be featured in an NREL case study about how to finance solar power in higher education.

**Tonie Miyamoto** – Tonie and her office are finalizing the marketing material for Earth Week events. Please contact her with any questions about the events or the marketing materials.

**Next Meeting: Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104.**