

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

February 20th, 2016, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present:

Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto – HDS, Student Affairs – Co-Chair of PSC
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Van Wallace – Facilities Management
Erika Borges – Vice President for University Operations
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Emily Taylor – Student Sustainability Center
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Erika Benti – Parking and Transportation Services
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Mark Ritschard – College of Engineering
Tim Broderick – HDS
Jocelyn Hittle – CSU System
Kailey Carlson – ASCSU Environmental Affairs – Sustainability
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Ann Bohm-Small – VPR/APC
John Fitch – Morgan Libraries
Don Albrecht - Morgan Libraries
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
EcoLeader Representatives

1. Updates from Members

Jocelyn Hittle – There is an internal team of CSU water experts assessing the feasibility of the One Water goals at the National Western Center. Also, the data of this year's stock show waste was collected with the help of the Ecoleaders, which was a successful project.

Stacey Baumgarn – The 2017 Laboratory Freezer Challenge for ultra-low freezers will begin soon. 6 labs on campus have registered for the challenge. Facilities Management has an incentive for labs to purchase new ultra-low energy efficient freezers.

Sheela Backen – In the first week of RecycleMania, CSU had an overall diversion rate of 60%.

Aaron Fodge – Aaron has been participating in the Game Day Experience public meetings to explain the various alternative transportation options to get to the stadium on game days. Aaron is also helping to complete a parking assessment for the National Western Center.

Tim Broderick – To encourage students to participate in RecycleMania, an online recycling game was developed. In the first 2 weeks of the competitions, 442 students participated in the game, which is double the amount of students from last year. The game can be accessed at www.recyclinggame.colostate.edu

John Fitch – The Library is forming an internal sustainability committee in the library to tackle “low-hanging fruit” energy conservation projects. Also, the City just recently hosted a zero energy house seminar and it was very well put together. The seminar may be hosted again in the future.

Julie Kallenberger – In conjunction with CSU Hydrology Days and World Water Day, the Water Center will soon host a keynote lecture by Eleanor Allen, the CEO of Water for People. The event is scheduled for Wednesday March 22, 2017 beginning at 5:30 pm in the LSC Theater.

Andrew Warnock – Andrew recently secured grants from the National Parks Service to analyze ice cores for Denali National Park and Wrangell–St. Elias National Park, both located in Alaska.

Van Wallace – Van is working on a comprehensive sustainability timeline so if you have any information about sustainability projects earlier than 2000, send him information.

Tonie Miyamoto – CSU was recently awarded the NACUBO Award for Innovation and Tonie will be giving a speech about how the campus achieved STARS platinum without a huge financial investment. Tonie will also speak about the STARS process at WACUBO, along with representatives from Washington University.

Carol Dollard – The Climate Realities Pledge was officially signed by the President after winter break. The City of Fort Collins and other entities have been contacting Carol asking for clarifications and strategies. The strategies are identified in the CAP. Also, the wind power RFI has a very positive response rate and it looks as though a project will head towards a procurement process with a competitive RFP.

2. STARS Update

- a. The STARS report has been submitted and AASHE has 30 days to respond with questions or clarifications.
- b. The report was submitted at 85.84 and the threshold for platinum is 85.
- c. Kirstie and Van working on a “breadcrumbs” list so future reporting is easier, with a list of who to consult for which credit.
- d. Most faculty and staff that are contacted about STARS are very responsive and willing to help.
- e. Hopefully, by the next PSC meeting in March, there will be more information to share about the event.
- f. A STARS celebration event is being planned, stay tuned for details.

3. Earth Week Planning (events know so far listed below)

Monday, April 17:

- TBD: Carpool to Coffee
- 10am-noon: Earth Sun & Fire Tour – bus departs from South College Parking Garage This sustainability tour visits CSU’s 5 MW solar array, in-vessel and windrow composting site, and biomass boiler on the CSU Foothills Campus. This behind-the-scenes tour allows participants to see these living labs, which are typically not open to the public, up close. This tour is outdoors and there is some uneven terrain so closed-toed shoes and clothing layers are recommended.
- 10:30am-1:30pm: Celebrate Undergraduate Research and Creativity Showcase (CURC) – LSC Ballroom

Tuesday, April 18:

- TBD: Bus to Barista
- 11am-1pm: Compost Giveaway and E-Waste Collection Event at Research Lot
- 3:00-5:00 pm Sustainable Futures Fair hosted by SSC

- 6:30 pm: Presidents Community Lecture Series featuring Dr. Wayne McIlwraith – Lory Student Center Theatre

Wednesday, April 19

- TBD: Bike to Breakfast
- 2:30pm-4pm: Campus-Wide Sustainability Celebration – Bob Davis Hall in Moby Arena
 - Thank you event for STARS work. Send milestone information to Tonie/Carol to acknowledge sustainability work at CSU.
 - Aaron suggested the City's Climate Action Subcommittee – Lindsay Ex as point person.
- 4pm: GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Seminar Series: Ruth Shaw (location TBD)

Thursday, April 20

- TBD: Longboard to Lunch
- 11am-1pm: Plate Waste Audits at Residential Dining Centers
- 4pm-5:30pm: Eco Leaders Project Showcase – Laurel Village Pavilion
- 4pm: GDPE Distinguished Ecologist Seminar Series: Ruth Shaw (location TBD)

Friday, April 21

- 10am-2pm: Earth Day Festival at LSC Sutherland Sculpture Garden (West side of LSC)
- 2:30 pm: Arbor Day/Tree Campus USA Event (Berm west of Vietnam Memorial Bridge)

Saturday, April 22

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

Monday, April 24 & Tuesday, April 25

- Environmental Justice in the Anthropocene Symposium - highlighting transdisciplinary and international research exploring how and why equity and environmental justice are important elements of the study of the environment, public health, and sustainability.
 - a. Tim will soon send the link for booths for Earth Day Festival on the West Lawn.
 - b. The printing deadline is next week so get any additional events on the main CSU calendar for inclusion on the printed materials.
 - c. Commemorative posters to tell the story of sustainability at CSU will be created this year. There will be 4 limited edition designs total, which will hopefully inspire collection of all 4.
 - d. SOURCE will focus all stories published during the week of Earth Week on sustainability.

4. Inclusive and Virtual Campus Policy Presentation

- a. Mary Ontiveros, Vice President for Diversity, heads the committee for the Inclusive Physical & Virtual Campus.
- b. The committee is in the process of developing a policy for inclusivity and accessibility on campus.
- c. The committee has been meeting with groups of stakeholders around campus to solicit feedback and share information regarding the policy.

- d. Inclusive excellence should be consistent among all facets of the University and should be embedded in the University's culture.
- e. The purpose of the policy is to remove inclusivity and accessibility barriers for users.
- f. After meeting with many constituent groups about the policy, the committee has heard many stories of exclusion. Ideally, after the policy is implemented, the campus will be safer and more inclusive.
- g. The policy specifically states that "principles of universal design" and "universal design for learning principles" should be included in the design process on campus.
- h. The policy address issues such as curb cuts, ramps, sidewalks, door openers, full length mirrors, signage, etc.
- i. Consistency among signage will help users identify areas like gender inclusive restrooms, reflection rooms, and lactation rooms.
 - i. The Office of Diversity has received comments from campus visitors, parents, and staff members asking for accommodations for prayer rooms, gender inclusive restrooms and lactation rooms.
 - ii. These areas are important to inclusivity initiatives that will help the University recruit and maintain talented individuals.
- j. The policy also aims to exceed ADA design standards for accessible elements (braille, truncated domes, etc.) across campus.
- k. A recent concrete/asphalt study showed many deficiencies in the campus sidewalks, which are inaccessible for some users.
- l. Inclusivity initiatives also include virtual design elements such as assistive technology elements, i.e. audible PDF files.
 - i. The Assistive Technology Center on campus has guidelines and instructions about how to convert documents into audible files so all users can access materials online.
 - ii. Content on the CSU website should be accessible to all users.
- m. Mary described the transition into inclusivity initiatives as evolution and progress to develop an even better campus by removing barriers.
- n. The summary document written by the inclusivity committee "Promoting an Inclusive Physical and Virtual Campus at CSU" is included as an appendix to bid packages for upcoming projects.
- i. The committee has met with the construction project managers to incorporate accessibility elements in upcoming construction projects.
 - o. The committee is interested in creating a website and feedback form for users across campus to report issues or share thoughts.
 - p. The PSC was given contact information for the Inclusivity and Physical Campus Committee to follow-up on issues or questions.