



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

Minutes

April 16th, 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
Van Wallace – Facilities Management
Tim Broderick - HDS
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
Dan McGrath – Warner College of Natural Resources
Olivia Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Madelyn Royal – ASCSU
Monica Latham – CSU Library
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Ken Shockley – College of Liberal Arts
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Lauren Poole – Guest from Colorado School of Mines

1. Earth Week Updates

- a. The Earth Week posters list official Earth Week events that were submitted within the publication timeline but there are many more sustainability related events throughout the whole month of April.
- b. The milestone event will recognize many milestones and the RSVP is needed as soon as possible.
 - i. The beehive ribbon cutting ceremony will directly follow the milestone celebration.
- c. The Earth, Sun, and Fire Tour still has space available for interested parties.

2. Sustainability Culture Survey – Engagement Subcommittee

- a. The Engagement Subcommittee of the PSC recently distributed a sustainability culture survey.
 - i. This is the second year the survey has been sent. The survey will be sent every other year, alternating with the sustainability literacy survey.
 - ii. The faculty/staff-specific survey was sent to 1394 people and 325 participants responded.
 - iii. The survey in no way relates to funding decisions.
- b. A student-specific survey was also sent to a random sampling of students, to assess perception of sustainability on campus, successes and challenges, etc.
 - i. Of the 3,500 student surveys sent, 340 participants responded.
 - ii. ASCSU is looking to incentivize responding to the survey in the future.
- c. Actions such as turning off lights, using alternative transportation, and increasing recycling were all suggested as sustainability participation.
- d. The survey could be more useful if the program or college respondent are representing was listed.

- e. **Conclusions** –
 - i. There is a disconnect among faculty and staff to sustainability initiatives.
 - ii. Perhaps a sustainability idea box can be created to connect faculty/staff with sustainability project ideas to implementation paths.
- f. It was noted that what constitutes as a “sustainability initiative” may be perceived very differently among different faculty and staff.
 - i. Faculty may perceive this term through academic courses, not as renewable energy projects.
 - ii. Interpretation of the questions could pose a challenge to this survey.
- g. Mixed methodology of surveys/interviews/focus groups can strengthen the data produced by the survey.

3. Summer Meeting Schedule and Summer Retreat

- a. President Frank will attend the August PSC meeting.
- b. The PSC agreed to cancel the May meeting and schedule a retreat for either June or July.
- c. There will not be a regular PSC meeting scheduled for the month with the retreat. More details about the retreat to follow.

4. Update from Members

Aaron – The Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board (ATFAB) is now operational with a \$250,000 budget allocated to alternative transportation infrastructure. This year, the students on the board funded new trails from Shields to the Rec Center, the SkiSU ski shuttle, and improvements to The Spoke’s service (mobile bike repair and extended hours).

Olivia – The Student Sustainability Center hired a new Engagement Director and the team is working on a transition plan.

Van – Van discussed UCLA’s travel mitigation fund with staff from the University. UCLA will charge a flat fee for domestic travel to be dedicated to carbon offsetting projects, which is a tactic the Airline Travel Subcommittee is considering.

Madelyn – ASCSU is in the process of hiring a new director for Environmental Affairs and working on a transition plan.

Julie – The Water Center and SoGES have partnered to offer a new water course - GES 180A4 (Water Sustainability in the Western U.S.) Fall and spring as pilots. The Water Center will host the [5th Annual Hach Walk for Water](#) on Saturday, May 5th. And, there is an upcoming screening of the film *The Colorado*.

Aleta – SoGES recently announced the Global Research Teams and the Sustainability Research Fellows will be announced soon. SoGES open house is scheduled for May 4th from 3:00-5:00 pm in Johnson Hall 108.

Tony – Sustainability is now one of the University-level learning outcomes per President Frank. Implementation strategies are being brainstormed to include this language in STARS reporting.

Tim – Tim is recruiting new EcoLeaders and the application will be sent with the minutes. And, the HDS Sustainability fund is open until May 21st. \$20,000 is available and students with a staff sponsor can submit project ideas. The fund is only meant to fund new sustainability project, not existing.

Carol – The 100% renewable electricity RFP had large response. The Committee did not award the RFP because the City is developing a green tariff for CSU and then CSU will submit a petition to Platte River Power Authority to create a mechanism for the University to purchase renewable energy.

Tonie – More progress is being made on the Living Wage commitment this year with support from the PSC, the State Classified Personnel Council, the Faculty Council, and the Administrative Professional Council. More details will come soon once budgets for FY19 are finalized.