

President's Sustainability Commission
Minutes 4/15/19

Members Present:

Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto – Division of Student Affairs – Co-Chair of PSC
Ashley Carlisle – Graduate Assistant
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Oliva Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Monica Latham - Libraries
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Andrea Fairfield – ASCSU
Stacey Baumgarn – CPC
Mary Liang –Housing & Dining Services Sustainability
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Bill Timpson – School of Education
Debra Horensy – Office of the Vice President for Research
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center
Kirstie Tedrick – Substitute Admin Support

1. Air Travel Offset Updates

- The air travel offset subcommittee gave a presentation overview on air travel offsets
 - Looking at CSU's greenhouse gas inventory, electricity is just over 50% and we are on track to get to 0 for electricity by our 2030 goal.
 - Natural gas is the 2nd biggest piece of the pie and the 3rd biggest is air travel. This subcommittee's goal is to reduce airline travel footprint.
 - The annual spend for airfare was \$7 million dollars last fiscal year and this is starting to trend upwards within the last two years.
 - The subcommittee made a motion for PSC to endorse a proposal to Vice President for Operations, Lynn Johnson, for a voluntary air travel offset fee; PSC approved the motion.
- Thoughts/suggestions
 - Bill suggested including other peer institutions in the proposal to show where CSU stands.
 - Tonie suggesting adding language that dollars collected for offsets will be spent by the end of the fiscal year to mitigate carbon use on campus.
 - Athletics, field trips, and education trips were suggested as additions to the types of air travel listed in the proposal.

2. Inclusive Building Standards

- Aaron gave an update on inclusive building standards.
- There is now an approved standard for lactation, meditation, reflection, commuter showers, and break rooms with an inclusivity lens.
- Next step, what are the building design standards related to sustainability? Does PSC want to take this on?
- Olivia mentions that the student perspective would be beneficial in this process and feels students would be very supportive based on proposals regularly made on campus for water bottle filling stations, covered bike parking, hand dryers, etc. Andrea agrees with Olivia and mentions it provides connectivity to student needs.
- Motion to create a Sustainability Building Standards subcommittee under Operations group is made. The commission is all in favor.
 - Recommendations to go through proper channels for approval/endorsements (the subcommittee will produce a draft that will be shared with appropriate campus entities).
- All members who are interested in being on the subcommittee, please let Aaron know.

3. STARS AC11: Open Access to Research Credit Review

- The AC11 credit has been changed from the 2.1 version, now must have all 4 items to receive full credit
- A - Open access repository for scholarly works
 - Monica – library does offer open repository called Mountain Scholar which does not require a login. All open and accessible.
- B - Written and approved policy to make it publicly accessible.
 - Monica – Some departments/colleges do this.
 - Anyone passionate about this to start conversation please let the commission know.
- C - Open access charge fund for employees – to publish could cost money (up to \$1,000 dollars per article so this fund would provide support)
 - Members do not believe CSU has something like this.
- D – Open access journal hosting services – Mountain scholar does not meet the criteria.
- Tonie will send the credit criteria to Debra to share with VPR and Monica to share with Library.

4. Summer Meeting Schedule and Retreat

- New CSU strategic plan update will hold until President McConnell is onboard. Process has started.
- Use the retreat to prepare welcome and introduction for President McConnell?
 - Tony – walking tour would be great visually
 - Carol - visceral presentation with back-up notebook to dive deeper with graphics/facts etc.

- Stacey – likes the tour idea also. He mentioned it is cool to see the history of sustainability at the institution. People enjoy the opportunity to see something more tangible.
- Aleta - Let the new president know what she can depend on the PSC for, utilize us for, and what to ask of the commission. Also, how the PSC is currently structured.
- Andrew – appreciated that we started the retreat with a land acknowledgement last summer.
- Aleta - suggests shifting to more on areas of focus, what to work on in the upcoming year. Group discussed having each area (Academics/Research, Engagement, Operations, and Planning/Administration) brainstorm one or two area of focus.
- Tonie will send out a doodle poll for June dates. The retreat will be for a half-day somewhere close to campus. Several people liked Tamasag.

5. Updates from Members

- Tonie - President's Council on Culture reviewed the Employee Culture Survey results last week and they are now publicly available. Diversity scores/bias response have improved since last survey. Concerning that not all identities on campus have consistent results. State Classified staff, trans staff, and women had consistently lower satisfaction/inclusive scores than Admin Pro and dominant populations. President Frank is committed to diving in and having the conversation continue with President McConnell.
 - Earth Week events are on Source at <https://source.colostate.edu/earth-week/>. Different Source articles will be highlighted during all of Earth Week.
- Carol - Reimagine Education Award - CSU was personally invited to apply for it.
 - Tony - University Sustainability Learning Outcome? Will work on it and let PSC know how to help. Due in early September.
- Kirstie – Earth Day Festival booth registration is due by 4/17. The Earth Day Festival will be on April 22 in the LSC Sculpture Garden from 10:00-2:00. Rain date is for April 23 at the same time and location.
- Aaron – Three more electric chargers grants have been awarded. Scooters will be on the ground in July which is a joint RFP with the city right now. \$250,000 of money available to fund projects for ATFAB. Fort Collins to Windsor to Greeley bus route worked on for 5 years will start in August.
- Aleta – Research team and fellows were announced last week. SoGES is having an open house on May 10th and everyone is invited.
- Mary – New Assistant Director of Sustainability for HDS.
- Stacey – Tomorrow night city council plans to decide on adoption of new city plan/ transportation plan. Intergovernmental document – regional waste shed and transition of landfill.
 - If the City of Fort Collins and Platte River Authority adopt contract this opens the opportunity to put more solar on-campus.
- Julie – Feb 2020 there are plans to break ground at National Western.
 - Tuesday April 30th 3:30 -5:30 interact with design teams for the programs for the water center, animal health, food center.

- Tomorrow night 4/17, River of Lost Soul's event at 6:30 at LSC Theater.
- Brian - Rocky mountain green presentation by Stacey went well, he heard great things. Workshop at Green Schools National Conference. Shout out to Bill's Book on teaching sustainability. Best seller for publisher!
- Tonie – final reminder for PSC Milestones event next Wednesday. Please RSVP to Tonie if you plan to attend.
- Carol- Nancy Richardson Design Center has received LEED Gold for the building. ARDEC has received grant to grow plants under solar panels. They didn't receive funding to hook-up the solar, just grow under the panels so proposed to Carol to have them hooked up and active.
- Bill – recommends Paul Hawkins Draw Down book because it highlights the positives of environmentalism.