



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

Minutes

5/20/2019, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Michael Smith Natural Resources Addition – Room 345

In attendance:

Carol Dollard – Facilities Management, Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto – Division of Student Affairs, Co-Chair of PSC
John Fitch – Office of the VP for Information Technology & CSU Libraries
Ashley Carlisle – Graduate Assistant
Tim Brennon – Office of the Vice President for Diversity
Debra Horensky – Office of the Vice President for Research
Monica Latham – CSU Libraries
Aaron Fodge - Parking and Transportation Services
Tamla Blunt – (For Rick Novak) Administrative Professional Council
Julie Kallenberger - Colorado Water Center
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Dan McGrath – Warner College of Natural Resources
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Stacey Baumgarn – Classified Personnel Council
Travis Croft – Sustainability Intern Facilities Management
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Aleta Weller – School of Global and Environmental Sustainability
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Tamara Martin – PSC Admin Support

Welcome and Introductions

Earth Week Recap

- a. Discussion reminding everyone that next year is both the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and CSU's 150th Anniversary. Linking these events for the most effective Earth day or possibly Earth Month.
- b. Suggestions for Next Year:
 - More Overt About scheduling and weather - suggest people include a backup date pending weather (include both on their calendar)
 - Possible Themes:
 - Earth Day Festival – let's be more overt about scheduling and weather - suggest people include a backup date pending weather (include both on their calendar)
 - Possible Themes:
 1. Visioning for the future. What is the vision for a sustainable future? Can visioning cards be created and used at all the events. These can be used to help inform goals that meet Strategic Planning or PSC goals.
 2. Looking back over the last 50 and 150 years. Is there a unique story we haven't told?
 3. Looking at the next 50 years. Might be more impactful if we shorten that time period to avoid dramatic or unrealistic answers. Maybe frame the questions differently: "How can our planet be healthier in 50 years?" and "What can we do today to get there?"

- Sustainability Bike Tour
- Consider hosting the Sustainable Living Fair at CSU on Saturday April 18th. Entertain bringing the City of Fort Collins (Sustainable Living Association) into our Earth Day Festival as part of the sesquicentennial.
- c. Revisit of idea to move some of the events to October - most feedback was not in support of moving events to October for Campus Sustainability Month.
 - Stacey suggested that perhaps instead of moving events, instead focus on events that are already happening next October and Brian mentioned that Ralph DiNola there may be an opportunity to bring a speaker on campus.
- d. Should Earth Week actually be Earth Month?
 - Weekly theme – might sustain interest to have a concentrated topic
- e. Need for photography
 - For the PSC Milestones and Recognition event, it may be beneficial to have a photographer. For next year, a PSC member will be designated as photographer for the event.
- f. Other interests:
 - CLA wants to meet next week
 - 150 trees planted to celebrate the 150th Anniversary

Recognition and thank you letter to President Frank – PSC suggestions:

- Having the forethought to create this commission instead of a committee
- Listening to student input and pledge, pollinator project
- LEED projects on campus
- Visited with PSC each year and was a good listener. Dialog with Commission.
- Ongoing support of Women and other underrepresented groups on campus as part of the social justice aspect of sustainability.
- Land Acknowledgement
- Having a representative (Nick Olsen) from the President's Office for STARS Team.
- Supportive of all sustainability efforts on campus

President typically comes to a meeting August or September. If new President is able to attend then as well, it is useful to plan the goals of the next year.

STARS 2.2 Credit Reviews

Credit Review- looking for what has changed or what is new?

- a. Open Access: There is a lot of information, the idea is to make sure researchers are aware of Libraries Open access and what is available to researchers.
- b. Institutional Learning Outcomes - has been rewritten. Copies will be available at the June Retreat. Ongoing process.
- c. AC10: Institution encourages and/or supports sustainability research.

Areas to consider:

 - REU- Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
 - MURALS - 1st generation students.
 - Water Center- student, faculty and staff
 - Center for Collaborative Conservation
 - GSSE
 - Energy Institute
 - College of Engineering
 - SoGES
 - Interfuse

Ongoing Library support - research guides, Policies and Practices

ACTION – Monica and all PSC members: send examples of above to Tonie by June 15.

PSC RETREAT

Expect a calendar invitation from Tamara.

- Location – Tamasag Retreat Center, Room 322
- When – June 14th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch will be served, please let Tamara know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Tentative schedule:

4. Opening with PSC members, then later strategic planning work with subcommittee members, followed by lunch and conclusion.
5. Theme: Review progress on strategic plan, set goals for 2019-2020, and get ready for President McConnell
6. Strategic Plan:
 - Subcommittee members can/should attend strategic planning portion of the retreat (a schedule will be sent out soon).

PSC Meeting Invite email preference

Based on group preference, Tamara will begin to send calendar invites to all PSC members, plus any regular attendees.

ACTION ITEM: Tamara

Updates from Members

Aleta - Sustainability Leadership Fellows are going to begin with their 9th cohort.

Brian - IBE 25th Anniversary in June.

Stacey - International Laboratories Freezer Challenge - 11 or 12 labs participate. Enjoyed learning and those who purchased, enjoyed the incentive dollars. Anthony Appleton from the VP for Research Office has been a good partner to create lab safety culture on campus. Highlights intersection of safety and sustainability. Shut the Sash program has huge energy savings potential so stay tuned.

Andrew – Colorado Student won 1st place at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair for using VR for spinal fusion.

Julie – Offering a Water Literacy program. Focus on Communities in NOCO on a regional basis. Applications for next year's class are going out soon. SoGES had 71 minor grads this spring.

Debra - Anthony Appleton might attend retreat, as Debra is unable.

John – Interested in a more accurate representation in the press. AAA initiative, brings opportunity for CSU students to write for the Economist. He shared their writing contribution with the intent to elevate Bi-partisan policy.

Tonie – Ruoh-Nan (Terry) Yan, Sonali Diddi, and Sandra Chisholm are this year's recipients of the PSC Curriculum Development Grant (\$5k to support development of a new course on Circular Economy for Sustainability in Textiles and Clothing. These faculty members developed a mending Workshop this year allowing students to mend their own clothes and we hope these efforts continue to grow on campus as there is great interest and need. Rams Against Hunger: Ram Food Recovery finished a successful pilot through Housing & Dining Catering this spring. Over 800 members of the campus community have signed up for text alerts, over 20 opportunities to pick up food were offered during the three month pilot, and as many as 50 people participated in one pick up. The pilot will be moving into a permanent program this summer with catered events hosted multiple times each week during the busy conference season.

Carol – In speaking of the above topic, plans to draft a letter for the PSC to encourage other catering groups on campus to join the Ram Food Recovery program. Members agreed that a letter of encouragement would be welcome.

Next Meeting: June Retreat. June 14th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Tamasag Retreat Center, Room 322

NOTE: July Meeting is Canceled

End 2:28

ACTION ITEMS:

- Monica/all PSC Members: send examples of research guides, Policies and Practices to Tonie
- Tamara: Send Calendar invites for meetings and events.