



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

Minutes

October 21, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Michael Smith Natural Resources Building - 345**

- Introductions – 5 minutes  
Carol Dollard, Kirstie Tedrick, Sara VanHatten, Maile Wood, Tony Rappe, Mary Liang, Andrew Warnock, Stephanie Clemons, Aleta Weller, Monica Latham, Aaron Fodge, Tim Brennan, Jake Drenth, Sheela Backen, Jessica Davis, Jocelyn Hittle, Danielle Backman, Gina McCrackin, Brian Dunbar, Stephanie Malin
- Greenhouse Gas Footprint – 15 minutes – Carol Dollard  
Presentation Slideshow
  - GHG emissions trends is on a downwards trend there is a 23% decrease since FY10
  - What we can do in the short term is buy more certified RECs (renewable energy certificates/credits) to shift the trend
  - GHG Footprint per GSF is down by 41% per square foot
    - Per student it is down 48%
  - With 100% renewable electricity by 2030 goal which means no electricity footprint, natural gas will become ½ of GHG footprint.
  - Jake – what are the goals for STARS and the Climate Action Plan? Revision of the CAP update, look more in depth at strategies and goals.
- CSU Scooters – 10 minutes – Aaron Fodge
  - About a year ago, E-scooters took off. Alternative transportation worked with the City of Fort Collins to notify scooter companies but wanted to make sure they were operating through license with the City. Didn't want two systems in process (on-off campus).
  - They wanted to be proactive to encourage those on campus to not sign a contract, revenue needs to go back into transportation. There was notification to companies that scooters will be seized if dropped off without a plan.
  - RFP created to structure how they would be used in our City (with Farrah)
  - This Wednesday they will be in Fort Collins community – 250 scooters on campus, 250 in the City
  - There has been plans in place for safety signage, slow-down zones, working with CSU PD for enforcement. Units will be speed regulate and shut-off dismount zones. All must be parked at bike racks or could be fined. Users will be required to download and use the app to use the device.
  - Aaron would be happy to report on the status within the next couple of months
- Coke contract – 10 minutes – Mary/Carol
  - There was an extension put on the current contract for 6 more years, so the contract will not be completed until 2027

- Stephanie Malin - How could we ban the bottled waters? With water being one of the top sellers for Coke, it would be difficult to have the argument to discontinue them altogether. However, there seems that there are initiatives in Coke to change the bottle types
  - In the meantime, Neil Lujan in the RamCard office is open to enact some pilot projects such a vending machine with only aluminum products
  - How do we get into the conversation for the next contract? PSC needs to see who we can reach out to for us to be at the table with the next conversation
  - Should we create a committee within PSC to take it on this issue? Carol thinks that is a great idea once all commissions had the go ahead to start new initiatives
- Education Sub-committee – 15 minutes – Tony Rappe
    - Learning outcomes – only thing we were missing in the academic’s section in STARS as far as points awarded was the learning outcomes credit
    - Institutional level learning outcomes preamble created but need to ensure the learning outcome is being applied to colleges, programs, etc.
    - Subcommittee – there is a push to receive representation from each academic college and SoGES
    - Specific strategies were discussed and college reps will plan to meet with colleges and discuss learning outcomes and the most effective was of increasing sustainability knowledge
    - The committee plans to review the AUCC (All University Core Curriculum) classes since there seems to be a disconnect there
    - College of Natural Sciences learning outcome adopted few weeks ago
    - Next steps, each of the colleges need to come up with a college wide sustainability learning outcome
    - STARS 2.2 – requirement is more rigorous for the next round of STARS
- CAP Update – request for members interested in providing input – 5 min – Carol
    - Mid-November Carol plans to create and start the discussion on updates. Please reach out to her if you would like to be included in the conversation.
    - Fort Collins Climate Action Plan – announcement was sent out to all of PSC
- STARS Update
    - The first round of the STARS report review was submitted to GreenerU. GreenerU is the third-party reviewer.
- Updates from Members – 25 minutes
    - Carol Dollard - Ground source heat pump has been approved and more information will be coming out about for project sometime soon. Right now, there are plans for around 700 – 800 wells approximately
    - Jocelyn Hittle – The Sustainable Denver summit will be in December, please register if you are interested in attending. The City of Denver is opening a new office on climate/energy and sustainability and can send out the job description if anyone is interested
    - Jessica Davis – There are many projects going on to investigate renewable energy into agriculture lands for Colorado. There is a source article about this with more information - <https://agsci.source.colostate.edu/researchers-testing-whether-specialty-crops-solar-panels-can-thrive-together/>. Scott Carman, landscape architecture is also doing projects to find sites that are not suitable for agriculture but good for renewable energy.
    - Sheela Backen – there is no more room to expand to new buildings for composting as of right now. She is starting to see what areas on-campus, foothills or other that the composting operation could be expanded to.

- Aaron Fodge – CSU received the Platinum designation for Bicycle Friendly University for the second time! UC Irvine also joined as a Platinum campus.
- Monica Latham – there is a November 6<sup>th</sup> event on recycling and waste production city of fort Collins. 12:00 – 1:00.
- Aleta Weller – The City of Fort Collins is having a 20-year anniversary CAP event (invite was sent out previously to PSC) Let her know if you know any groups that are interested in attending.
- Stephanie Clemmons – Faculty Council November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew Warnock – There are new science kits being created that are sustainability focused, one is on native bees and pollinators. Keynote tomorrow at 4:00.
- Stephanie Malin – Meeting with centers to find lesson learns and looking for advisory board members. Looking for involvement from every college/department
- Mary Liang – Geothermal well been approved for Meridian Village
- Sara VanHatten – Olivia is working on a booklet for how to be more sustainable for her thesis, if you can look at the draft, please do. She is looking for any feedback to improve upon it. The booklet is attached along with a comment document to fill out.
- Brian Dunbar – This week is Campus Equity week.