



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

Minutes

November 18, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm

Michael Smith Natural Resources Building - 345

- Introductions – 5 minutes
Carol Dollard, Tonie Miyamoto, Kirstie Tedrick, Sara VanHatten, Gina McCrackin, Mary Liang, Tony Rappe, Aaron Fodge, Tim Kemp, Julie Kallenberger, Stacey Baumgarn, Andrew Warnock, Dan McGrath, Tim Brennon, Stephanie Clemons, Anthony Appleton, Jake Drenth, Mark Ritschard, Doug Max, Maggie Walsh, Sheela Backen, Maile Wood, Aleta Weller, John Fitch, Danielle Backman, Beth Etter
- AASHE Conference Recap – 5 minutes
 - Mary Liang along with other universities did a presentation on composting. The presentation was very successful and has been submitted as an AASHE webinar proposal.
 - Tonie and Carol would like to have a student present at AASHE for next fall and there is a budget allocated that can cover the student's attendance. Submissions open in January with a deadline in early spring. There is an opportunity to attend the Student Summit. The Nitrogen Footprint team presented a few years ago and won an award. Student submissions can be from either an undergrad or graduate student.
 - Carol reported a large number of breakout sessions this year and there were over 2,000 people in attendance.
- Race, Bias and Equity Initiative Proposal – 5 minutes
 - PSC has submitted a Living Wage Proposal to the RBEI that would create a process for an annual review of the existing Living Wage Initiative to ensure that CSU continues to assess and adjust annually.
 - Thank you to Tim for proposing the idea and thank you to Stacey for writing it and seeking letters of support from the employee councils.
- STARS Third Party Review Update – 10 minutes
 - Our submission has been sent off to 3rd party review by Greener U. There are a couple credits that are still being worked on. We are planning to wrap it up and sent to AASHE by next week.
 - The aim is to have AASHE have their review completed and back to CSU by early January.
 - Updates are being done to green.colostate.edu to reflect this newest report so please let Tonie or Kirstie know if there is anything that needs to be updated.

- Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILO) Update and Next Steps – 10 minutes
 - Tony Rappe – The ILO report was received by Faculty Council at the beginning of November. It now moves on to implementation!
 - Dan – the Academics and Research Subcommittee is currently developing some text for learning outcomes for the colleges; two colleges have sustainability as a college learning outcome and the goal is to get other colleges on board. A proposal to provide additional funds to support faculty to develop new sustainability courses is being explored in the committee to expand the existing grant PSC funds in collaboration with SoGES. A toolkit to help infuse sustainability into curriculum is also being discussed. Curating this toolkit and having it available in the library is also a goal.
 - Matt Hickey chairs the UCC committee. Would we like to invite him to one of our PSC meetings? PSC agrees, so Tonie will reach out to invite him.
 - The Institutional Learning Outcomes are uploaded onto Green.colostate.edu.
 - Kudos to everyone involved - this project has been 3 years in the making!
- Presidential Commission Audit Update – 15 minutes
 - The audit of the commissions is complete. PSC will continue and President McConnell mentioned in the her memo, “PSC will certainly be called upon in the Courageous Strategic Transformation process”.
 - Stephanie shared that President McConnell mentioned PSC at the most recent Board of Governors meeting.
 - Next steps - 3 asks from President McConnell for the PSC before the end of January:
 - Concrete plan for restructuring the Commission – form advisory team and core group
 - Formal statement of institutional commitment to sustainability for submission to a full approval process
 - Make suggestions as to necessary/desirable updates, changes, or additions to green.colostate.edu
 - PSC proposes to use different language instead of advisory team and will discuss further at the December meeting. There was strong support, particularly from the students, to retain monthly meetings as reps find them useful for sharing and exchanging information.
 - There was discussion around keeping multiple perspectives/voices on PSC and keeping the meetings open and engaging.
 - Will work on creating a PSC Core Team and ask that group to start working on a draft institutional commitment to sustainability to bring back to PSC. If anyone has strong examples from other institutions, please share with Carol and Tonie.
 - Green.colostate.edu refresh is on the radar; the new template will be shared with PSC in December/January. If you have any thoughts/ideas/other campus examples, please share with Tonie.
 - Good to go with subcommittees to move ahead with new initiatives. We will discuss the term subcommittee vs. work group at the December meeting.
- Environmentally and Socially Responsible Procurement Policy – 20 minutes
 - It is now the 3-year review for this policy, time to investigate revisions/recommendations.
 - Can we expand on the 5%? Farrah - this is in the state statue.
 - Carol – Could we strengthen the questionnaire for vendors? Farrah – there will be changes on prices/added costs for the vendors.

- For paper purchases and publications can we increase the amount of recycled content?
Farrah – greening the chain must apply to everyone; different areas don't want to pay the extra for recycled content on-campus. Can limit print for a variety of areas/department.
 - Should we create a work group for this policy update? PSC unanimously vote yes.
 - People who would like to be part of the group:
 - Stacey Baumgarn
 - Sara VanHatten
 - Anthony Appleton
 - Farrah Bustamante
 - If anyone else would like to join please let Carol and Tonie know by the December meeting
 - ASCSU - Students would like to see a change in the supply chain
 - Example of ultra-low freezers, could a recommendation list of suggested freezers to purchase be created for reference? How deep would a recommended purchase list go? Just saw Energy STAR or list specific items?
 - Jake Drenth – example of environmental surcharge on anything that could make it to the landfill, can this be included in the policy? Jake can send the presentation example over to Farrah from the AASHE Conference.
 - The process for charging offsets for airline travel may or may not online with an end-of-life fee.
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- Updates from Members – 20 minutes
 - a. Danielle Backman– Is currently working on her master's thesis that touches on the different definitions of sustainability. She is considering submitting her project to AASHE to present on it.
 - b. Aleta Weller– SoGES hosted 20 years of climate action with the City of Fort Collins. SoGES open house is on December 19th.
 - c. Maile Wood– Green Warrior (sustainability behavior change campaign for on-campus housing) is now finished, over 2,300 students participated, and there were over 5,000 trees planted.
 - d. Dan – wanted to give a shout-out to the students who volunteered to do the waste sorting at the games (Zero Waste Team) major kudos to them!
 - e. Andrew Warnock- Olivia Bruce is doing Honors Thesis presentation tomorrow on a sustainability planner. He was her advisor for her Honors Thesis. PSC will invite Olivia to present on the planner at the December meeting.
 - f. Aaron Fodge – submitted two grants to create a bike trail from Spring Creek to Horticulture Center. They have a donor who will match the grant. Hughes Way goes under construction Spring Break – new bike trail from Shields to Eddie (South side of Hughes Way). Scooters (Birds) are doing well, some have been reported and he will give a handout to PSC next month for reporting abandoned ones.
 - g. Mary Liang – OSCAR (in-vessel composter) is currently down and projected to be running again by January after some repairs. Eco Leaders did sustainability trivia during the Inauguration Block Party for President McConnell's investiture. It was very successful, and they engaged lots of students.
 - h. Sara VanHatten – With Olivia's graduation, SSC is hiring. Please share this with any students and have them contact Sara for details.
 - i. Carol – The team is proceeding with geo exchange for Moby Arena and Meridian Village (around 400 wells). Drilling will now take longer because of the expansion, probably well into the winter. Share with co-workers that there will be a test well during Fall Break near the cell tower. Carol will check

into signage and a press release from Maggie is in process. Carol and her team plan to table at basketball games about the wells.

- j. Tonie Miyamoto - President McConnell mentioned sustainability in her investiture speech a couple times, it was recorded if you are interested in watching it. Fred has mentioned that the Emerald Ash Borer has officially arrived in Larimer County so stay tuned for details on the CSU plan to replace some trees to increase tree diversity on campus and treat the larger trees to save them.
- k. Next meeting will be on December 16th in Warner College Michael Smith Building Rm 345.