



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

Minutes

July 20, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. Introductions – 5 minutes
2. Impact MBA Sustainability Fellowship Program update – 5 minutes
 - a. Shelby wanted to let the members know about the Corporate Sustainability Fellowship opportunity and share it with those who may be interested. They are currently looking for organizations who would like to host an Impact MBA Sustainability Fellow for the summer of 2021. If there is anyone on PSC who might have connections to folks working in corporate sustainability in our state they would appreciate the opportunity for you to make some introductions. Here is a link for more information: <https://biz.colostate.edu/academics/graduate-programs/mba/impact-mba/corporate-sustainability/corporate-sustainability-fellowship-details>
3. Fort Collins Shift Campaign – 20 minutes
 - a. This campaign is an educational behavior change program that the city is investing in on a long-term basis with a different theme each year. The theme this year is Transportation Shift. This program idea came out of the climate action plan/team but they wanted a way to encourage the community to be engaged.
 - b. Carol noted that the City and CSU Climate action plans aligns and aim for the same overall goals.
 - c. They would like to know if PSC may be interested in supporting the Transportation Shift challenge across campus in August & Sept? There will be a follow-up survey after program is completed to any students/faculty/staff who participate. The campaign only asks for their email/name.
 - d. The City thinks it would be an excellent opportunity to highlight student's involvement at CSU as a good mechanism to develop this program. Any student org groups to bring to the table would be appreciated.
 - e. Would like to continue to partner with CSU PSC as a multi-year campaign moving forward on this initiative.
 - f. Mary offered to make a connection to the Eco Leaders program.
4. Windrow compost facility expansion grant – 10 minutes.
 - a. Agenda item has been tabled for our next meeting.
5. Horsetooth Outlet Project – 10 minutes
 - a. Pipeline that goes from Horsetooth to the water treatment plant will be worked on this fall. Starting in October, the Horsetooth outlet will go offline. Ability to treat water will be a bit limited. There will be a back-up system in place. There will be a lot of messaging in residential areas and in Fort Collins asking residents to turn off sprinkler systems and conserve water.
 - b. PSC will propose to President McConnell to mention this in one of her email messages in early or mid-September.
 - c. Maggie Walsh is working on the communication plans for this project
 - d. Let Carol know how any departments can help. She anticipates some confusion about water used to irrigate on campus; it is non-potable and not related to this project.
 - e. This will not be affecting the quality of our drinking water – we will just be working on using less.
6. FY21 PSC budget update – 20 minutes

- a. Incredibly grateful to President McConnell and Ann Claycomb for considering our budget request during an incredibly challenging fiscal year. We received a budget increase this year and now have a total of \$75k for the commission, one step forward in our long-term plans.
 - b. We will be keeping the graduate intern position.
 - c. \$20k will go towards integration of the sustainability learning outcomes. The Academic Subcommittee will come together to discuss best use of funds.
 - d. We received a modest amount for Earth Week for in-person or virtual events.
 - e. AASHE & STARS memberships will continue and the conference will be virtual this year, allowing us to send a couple additional people.
 - f. We finally have a Green Fund! It has been approved for \$15k to support and invest in small-scale sustainability initiatives.
 - i. October could be a great time to market this due to being campus sustainability month – we could invite groups to present proposals, due end of the month.
 - g. Small buyout/supplemental pay for co-chairs this year.
 - h. We did end up returning some money last year from savings from Earth Week and our annual recognition program.
7. Member Updates – 20 minutes
- a. Carol is currently working on a solar RFP for more rooftops on campus. So far there are about 3 dozen locations across campus. All is done through 3rd party financing, which means we can do this without any money out of pocket. Potential marketing/communication through digital signs as students can't see many of our solar arrays from the ground.
 - b. GeoX project update, we drilled the last well in mid-June. Final piping underway outside and the site will soon be restored. Working on piping & adding equipment on the inside. Should be fully operational before the end of the year.
 - c. Brian Dunbar – IBE now has a new place in Newsom Hall. Shout out to Tonie and Kirstie for helping organize the move. IBE will be able to provide some training and information for students to share their knowledge.
 - d. Aaron Fodge – finalizing an IGA with The City of Fort Collins with a grant for west Elizabeth corridor for a second bus route between two campuses.
 - e. Sara – There has been some progress made on the Sustainability Planner that Olivia started last year. Visit the link to see the planner online: <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/centers/student-sustainability-center/>
 - f. Sara - Stanford did a cross-communication program with student leaders on how to engage virtually. This was an excellent opportunity for student groups and highlighted the close connections at CSU between student leaders, faculty, staff, and administration.
 - g. Mary – Move-in will look a bit different this year, each student can sign up for a time-slot during August 17-21. We are looking for volunteers to help manage cardboard corrals, please volunteer if you can: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1197030530869184073/false?popup=true#/invitation>
 - h. Eco Leaders will still be here on campus and looking to collaborate virtually if any areas are interested! Please forward virtual engagement ideas over to us!
 - i. Tonie – We met with President McConnell in August last year. Are there any preferences on when to meet with her this year? We could Invite new Provost and VP of University Communications.
 - j. Stacey – Anthony and Stacey have been working together and in the coming months will be introducing a new campaign (Cut the Sash campaign) to close and shut the hoods when not in use. Good for GHG and energy conservation. They will be doing tests and promos soon, then ask labs to engage in the program. One lab per college and location participate in Green Labs pilot program. Thanks to Anthony for his participation!
 - k. Please send any August agenda items to Kirstie. This will determine if we hold the meeting or we might skip August and reconvene in September.