



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

Minutes

May 18, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting**

1. Testimonial from Jacob Brueckman – 15 minutes
  - a. Jacob is now pursuing a MBA in Sustainability (Impact MBA), and recently graduated with a bachelor's degree from CSU. He has been working currently with Brian at IBE with sustainability research. He wanted to take this opportunity to speak with the commission to let us know that sustainability is very well interwoven at CSU in the curriculum and on-campus. Sustainability projects/messaging is impactful to people at CSU and even though we might not see it. As a student athlete, he is looking forward to creating a sustainability student coalition in the athletic department. He would like to be part of PSC as a grad student to be able to provide input on the student perspective.
  - b. Tonie shared that Graduate Council has a spot on the commission and Kirstie will connect Jacob.
  - c. Doug – Wanted to mention that Jacob has been a great asset to the university and looks forward to connecting on the student athlete coalition.
  - d. Brian – Jacob is an excellent example of someone who caught fire after coming to CSU which has to do with our focus on sustainability. We are good at getting the word out and that is how Jacob heard about it through websites/communication/STARS and more! He is a great symbol of the work that we are doing.
  - e. Congratulations to Jacob and all Rams who graduated this year!
2. Virtual Earth Week Debrief – 15 minutes
  - a. Green.colostate.edu hosted all the events. For a two-week period, we had over 1,300 page views. Earth Week and Earth Day Festival webpages are still available to visit on green.colostate.edu under Campus Initiatives and the content created will help engage folks year-round.
    - i. 2020 Earth Week 4/20 – 4/24: Earth Week Homepage → 1,184 page views vs. 2019 Earth Week 4/22 – 4/26: Green.colostate.edu Homepage → 130 page views
    - ii. Compost, Bees, Solar Tour Videos → 1,587 Earth Day video plays on Instagram and YouTube
    - iii. Most popular Earth Day post: Dr. Frank's Tree Planting on the Oval → Reached 1,555
    - iv. CSU Instagram Posts
      1. Happy Earth Week and 50 Things: 3,662 likes
      2. Happy Earth Day: 2,103 likes
      3. Happy Arbor Day: 3,457 likes
    - v. Aggie Village Eco Leaders were excited to participate with content for the CAM Unity newsletter and that engagement piece has been so successful, it will continue as a weekly publication.
  - b. Bill Timpson – thinks it is a great opportunity to continue forward with online content.
  - c. Zipcar – Tonie would like to thank Erika and her team for keeping them on-campus for students who remain. So far, the numbers are looking good. There were some concerns and questions but the COVID-19 guidelines Zipcar has provided are working and the cars are being well utilized.
3. LEED Gold Building Standards – 10 minutes
  - a. The Green Building standards working group is working on building standards policy for any new building. The intent is to have a policy for all buildings to be high performance regardless of the

funding mechanism. They are refining the document as we speak but will bring it forward to the PSC later this summer.

- i. Brian – Is there a way to provide some input? Meeting monthly to look at all different aspects of the project. Existing or new? Major remodels, etc. Consistent standard is the key for across campus.
  - ii. LEED certified building might not be enough anymore. There are some important high efficiency energy and water credits to ensure are implemented for every project.
  - iii. Carol – First document will focus on new construction and major remodel projects. Next tier will focus on all buildings. Draft will be ready hopefully before our July meeting.
  - iv. Aaron F. – There is a great committee working on this and they would like to have more of these standards/policies to come forward to PSC. There is a lot to continue to do!
  - v. Anthony – how can research help with the team? Small renovations in labs/rooms projects. Who they can connect with/contact. Carol can follow-up with you later.
  - vi. Bill – some applications and issues that can arise for example paint limits (VOC limit) no matter how small the remodel/new building. Policies that do go across the board.
  - vii. Aaron F – Since there is uncertainty with current budgets, it is a great time to start focusing on policies and standards at a time that dollars are scarce. What can we do to advance right here and now?
  - viii. Carol – after the chaos of COVID - let's rebuild it back right, let's move forward.
4. CSU Telework Guideline – 30 minutes
    - a. Steering committee to understand what the telework guidelines should look like at CSU was created before the pandemic and is particularly timely now.
    - b. Aaron F and Aaron Buckley shared a presentation on teleworking with some discussion questions.
    - c. Group highlighted some advantages and challenges with teleworking and how it relates to sustainability. General support from a sustainability lens to make teleworking a viable ongoing strategy here at CSU for reeducation in greenhouse gasses related to commuting, potential energy and space-saving options, etc. Aaron requested a letter of support to HR who will decide on the policy
    - d. Slideshow will be attached in the minutes.
  5. Member Updates – 15 minutes
    - a. Tony Rappe – Wanted to give a status of the sustainability learning outcomes. At the last Faculty Council meeting there was a change to the AUCC process, one category changed into category 1C – diversity, inclusion and equity. This is a good start/first step to modifying the AUCC that will make it more straightforward to integrate sustainability content in a unified way. Continually brainstorming to present new ideas to the new provost. Hopefully towards the end of the summer can have something to present to the PSC.
    - b. Mary Liang – There is a very small group of students with us for the summer. Only dining center that will be open will be Durrell. Only the windrow will be open for composting. Applications are open for Eco Leaders in the fall, please refer any students to myself or Kirstie (Aggie Village Eco Leaders).
    - c. Carol –A case study has been submitted on the AASHE website as part of the annual award submission process. The case study highlights the Rams Against Hunger program, particularly the response this spring to a spike in food insecurity with the pandemic.
    - d. Tonie – Food distribution available at the LSC, mobile food truck is converted into multi-day distribution event at the theatre. More food pantries have also been created to help support those in need. Check out the Rams Against Hunger website for details.
    - e. Brian – Rocky Mountain Green green building event is going virtual and Alisha and him are going to present the lifelong homes certification presentation. Toney asked if a copy of the presentation can be loaded onto the green.colostate.edu website. IBE needs space and their drop-dead date is May 31<sup>st</sup> for moving out and still looking for a place to go. Please let Brian know if you have any recommendations.
    - f. Jocelyn – SPUR campus has a new website. List of online educational resources available and would love to gather any some content/activities/education. Please send it to Jocelyn. Next month during

- the PSC meeting time will be able to present the building designs and will have the team available for PSC to provide feedback.
- g. Aaron F – CSU was awarded 1.5 million grant to support a research study on new transit corridor and streets.
  - h. Tim Kemp – safety task force wrapped up the process recently but talked today with the public safety team on enforcement, policies, education, etc. Once the document is finalized, they can share the document with PSC once it is done.
  - i. Tonie – last week wrapped up the University Communications VP candidates and was able to ask each of them about sustainability. We may get a new advocate on campus. Provost interviews started last week.
  - j. June meeting – will be devoted to SPUR. We often take a hiatus in July but if you have agenda items please send.
    - i. Subcommittees are encouraged to continue meeting.