



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

Minutes  
May 17, 2021, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Zoom Meeting**

1. Member Updates – 20 minutes
  - a. Sophia Shepp- I am no longer the director since I will be graduating this summer. New director is Adam Vance. Welcome Adam!
  - b. Anthony Appleton – Green labs website has been created <https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/green-labs/>. The PSC Strategic Plan is being updated to reflect that a chemical acquisition and chemical system is now in place. This can help research groups to see if they are reducing or producing waste. Having a CSU chemical library is a future goal to be able to share chemicals. Can work with Farrah to add any vendor. <http://www.ehs.colostate.edu/WChemMgt/Home.aspx>. Ram safety newsletter is posted here, and we try to include sustainability in each addition. Information to share with researchers can be sent over to them. There are currently advertisements for Green Labs in the LSC.
  - c. Carol – Solar project construction started on Laurel Village, however the weather has not been ideal, so they are currently a week behind. See a list of all the proposed solar locations on the campus map solar overlay.
  - d. Mary Liang – We are looking to integrate more sustainability initiatives into Ram Welcome. Move-in dates are August 16-18. Ram Welcome will start on Thursday of move-in week. We will be looking for volunteers for the cardboard corrals and will send more information as we get closer.
  - e. Aaron Fodge – A Parking and Transportation Services commuter options series for lunch time trainings has been announced in SOURCE through the summer. Transit, bike, commuters, community/group rides, parking permits, etc. will all be covered.
  - f. Brian Dunbar – IBE update on Hughes development. Ballot initiative to turn Hughes into open space passed. Not sure of the next steps but CSU exploring other land for affordable housing. Will continue to keep PSC informed but may be an agenda item down the line.
  - g. Stacey – Housing taskforce has reformed and will be meeting in June.
  - h. Tonie- Basic Needs Coordinator position is being hired in the SLiCE Office and search committee has been created and is in process. Rams Against Hunger has secured space in General Services for a permanent food pantry. VP of Diversity and Inclusion candidates will be doing virtual on-campus interviews next week. Any member of PSC can attend the sessions (email was already sent to the listserv).
  
2. June and July PSC Meetings – 10 minutes
  - a. Will meet on June 14<sup>th</sup> instead of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please send agenda items over to us. Subcommittees can continue and are encouraged to meet over the summer. We will be taking a hiatus in July for PSC.
  
3. CSU Sustainability Fund Update Presentations – 30 minutes
  - a. Ram Food Recovery project – Mary Liang, Tonie Miyamoto, and Helen Obuna. The pandemic disrupted the program as there were no catered events. Mary submitted a proposal to use

Sustainability Fund to purchase packaged quarantine meals to support those who are facing food insecurity this semester as a temporary solution. 1200 meals were donated over a course of 12 weeks to anyone with a Ramcard. Pickup days were Tues – Thurs and around 460 meals were picked up directly with remaining meals distributed through the food pantry at LSC. Helen reported that daily rates varied. Dining also provided additional meals to reduce food waste. Project is now closed but will bring back the old model as HDS Catering returns this summer.

- i. Helen – 12:30 – 1:00 pick-up and provided a pickup station outside. Weekly text messages but then on Tues/Thurs. Vegetarian/vegan and gluten free options as well. Worked with Ram Against Hunger and they have secured a permanent food pantry on-campus.
  - b. Mountain Campus Forest Regeneration – Travis Croft & Seth – Created a forest regeneration project with initial funding through CSU Sustainability Fund and additional funding was awarded through Warner College. Work is starting today through June. Vision is to establish an ecological experiment and allow data and research opportunities utilizing the Mountain Campus, and the newly burned areas. Four different tree replacement treatments will be applied and will be replicated throughout the burned area. Study once and twice burned areas. High and mixed severity areas for wildfire research. This is an assisted regeneration process for the forest to recover. This project will support future research as well. Local sources for seeds/materials. <https://warnercnr.source.colostate.edu/a-fire-and-alumnus-spark-csu-mountain-campus-research-initiative/>
  - c. Green Labs – Stacey Baumgarn – The team is using the Sustainability Fund dollars to create training modules to improve sustainability in labs. Once developed, they can be a resource for anyone working in a lab to use sustainability best practices. Water, energy, waste, procurement and behavior will be the topics covered. Graduate students are determining the format and delivery. It can be used as a peer-to-peer training or as a curriculum element in classroom settings.
  - d. Arbor Day – David Hansen – The team used the CSU Sustainability Fund to create educational signs and content to promote that CSU is a Level 3 Arboretum. Put together a video and planted 14 trees on campus since we could not host the planting event like past years. PSC funded 15 signs that have been implemented around campus. Map available that you can download on the facilities website. Also available on the campus interactive map. Trees were chosen were trees that were great examples of front range trees. Signs are associated with the map and will be adding QR codes to them soon to link to a video. Also in the process of creating a series of summer tree tours. <https://www.fm.colostate.edu/arboretum#Notable%20Tree%20Tour>.
4. Introductions for Vice President Jenelle Beavers – 10 minutes
  - a. Jenelle is the new VP for Strategy and will be the President’s Office liaison to PSC.
  - b. The updated Sustainability Strategic Plan was shared in advance of today’s meeting.
5. Sustainability Highlights for 2020-2021 Academic Year – 10 minutes
  - a. Presentation – CSU retained the top score in the U.S. for STARS and was recognized as a top performer in multiple categories including Investment & Finance for the first time. PSC launched the first CSU Sustainability Fund and expanded the Sustainability Curriculum Innovation Grant in partnership with SoGES. CSU finished one of Colorado’s largest Geo-X systems this year on the intramural fields and the RFP is completed for 21 new solar arrays on campus. Installation is underway now.
  - b. Jenelle – Would love to know historical knowledge/feedback around the budget process. Currently working on the distinction section in the Courageous Strategic Framework about sustainability and want PSC to see it before going to BOG.
6. Looking ahead – 10 minutes

- a. Implement updated Sustainability Strategic Plan, Advance Climate Neutrality Goal, Start working on STARS 2.2, and Integrate Sustainability Learning Outcomes at University, college, program and course level.