



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

Minutes  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Virtual**

1. Introductions – 5 minutes
2. Carol Dollard, Aaron Fodge, Kirstie Tedrick, Tonie Miyamoto, Stacey Baumgarn, Sara Campbell, Colleen Duncan, Bryn Hall, Grace Wright, Alicia Armentrout, Tim Brennan, Jake Drenth, Adam Vance, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Daniel McGrath, Julie Kallenberger, Andrew Warnock, Mark Paquette, Mark Gokavi, Greg Lewis, Ryan Scott, Mark Ritschard, Aleta Weller, Jocelyn Hittle, Allison Vitt, Jacob VanderRoest, Bryan Willson, Brian Dunbar
  - a. Moment of silence to honor Mary Ontiveros
3. Earth Month: events/programs due by March 1<sup>st</sup> – title, date, time, location, sponsor, and brief description – 20 minutes
  - a. Let us know of any programs and events that need to be added to the line-up
  - b. Preferred to have only programs that are open to the community, but could list invite-only events on the virtual list of events
  - c. Current list of events/weekly themes is available here:  
[https://colostate.sharepoint.com/:w/s/CSU\\_PSC/Ef\\_RW57y8v5Noi8evahUbO0BEM9jQR\\_EuRg7Z2y3pL160w?e=HC4Dbm](https://colostate.sharepoint.com/:w/s/CSU_PSC/Ef_RW57y8v5Noi8evahUbO0BEM9jQR_EuRg7Z2y3pL160w?e=HC4Dbm)
  - d. Please provide a URL, the easiest way to get one is adding your event to the university calendar
  - e. Marketing for Earth Month is in the works and will focus on community and connection
  - f. Sustainable stickers are being designed
  - g. Will share marketing materials, QR code, and other virtual designs but are trying to limit physical printing
  - h. Will share designs with ASCSU to amplify marketing. Kirstie will reach out to connect with Adam.
4. PSC Milestones and Recognition Event on April 19 – nominations due March 15 (can include University/unit accolades/awards, LEED certifications, grants received, milestones reached, new sustainability initiatives, etc.) – 10 minutes
  - a. Three special plaques to present this year – Rick Miranda, Lynn Johnson, and Sheela Backen for their long-term commitments to sustainability at CSU
  - b. We will honor Mary Ontiveros at the event as she was a wonderful partner to PSC and so many of us enjoyed working with her on initiatives like universal design, gender inclusive restrooms, RBEI, etc.
  - c. Snacks and refreshments will be provided
  - d. This is an opportunity to also recognize campus partners
  - e. Individual nominations will be shown in a slideshow during the event and we will present as many university-wide and team certificate as we can during the remarks
5. CST Updates – 15 minutes
  - a. Presented to BOG and the plan is available online
  - b. Presenting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 in person and virtually to the campus community

- c. <https://courageous.colostate.edu>
  - d. With the key performance indicators, maybe PSC could suggest additional steps to get there or how we could operationalize what we are doing in PSC to meet those KPIs.
  - e. Janelle is very open to PSC input for implementation. As subcommittees are editing/updating the PSC Strategic Plan, we could add/align or note areas that correspond with the CST. Marry the two together the best we can.
  - f. Compare language on our strategic plan to the CST
  - g. Two more opportunities to engage, there is a physical master plan for the university (CST will help guide), and an academic master plan. Sustainability KPIs roll into these plans as well.
6. Conceptual Review Process- 15 minutes (Aaron)
- a. Carol and Aaron co-chair the PSC Green Standards Working Group. The working group has been together for several years for different building design standards. Standard for LEED Gold buildings – improve that process and create a new policy for CSU. The team was steered away from policy because they are hard to get approved and what was really needed was a process to make sure existing policies (at the university and the state) were not being bypassed. Process has been outlined so that the University’s interests are considered in the life cycle for new buildings/remodels. Touch points in the process so that sustainability is interwoven.
  - b. The ask is for PSC to endorse this letter. Prioritization, design, and budgeting for the construction of a building to include sustainability.
  - c. Rodolfo - Is LEED Gold the best standard to aim for? Not a LEED Gold conceptual process. Generic enough process, other delivery mechanisms that would fit in to it. There is more voice earlier in the process.
  - d. Mark R. - Might add considerably to the timeline of a project. More strategic for someone to be on the actual design team. Intent is the committee would weigh in when the projects are proposed and be more part of the design team.
  - e. Language about existing buildings to be included
  - f. Feedback to the master plan committee
  - g. Review concurrently to the timeline and not add to it
  - h. Have someone sit on each design team (tentative/wishful as resources may not allow)
  - i. Vote for – 14 members, Vote against – 0 members
  - j. Carol, Aaron and Tonie will work on the edits and send a copy out.
  - k. Congratulations to the working group!
7. E-Waste Working Group (Carol) – 5 minutes
- a. There is a problem on campus of e-waste that is not properly disposed of. How do we deal with this issue on-campus? Included in ESRP but need to first deal with the historic e-waste and new purchases. Would like to propose creating a working group to dive into this more deeply and come up with recommendations.
  - b. Jake – would love to be part of this working group.
  - c. Anyone else who is interested in being part of this working group, let Carol know.
  - d. Vote for creating this new working group – 16 members, Vote against – 0 members
8. Member Updates – 20 minutes
- a. Kirstie – Earth Day Festival. I am starting to contact groups about hosting a booth for the festival. Please reach out if you have any interested student groups, departments, colleges, Fort Collins businesses who want to participate.
  - b. Sara Campbell- The Committee on Investor Responsibility (CIR) recently convened. We will be posting updated minutes on the website within the next month or so.

- c. Jake – There is a contract on campus that doesn't allow for the resale of that particular product at the end of life. Hoping to have the clause amended and asked that everyone avoid that language in contracts as it means material must go to the landfill rather than resale.
- d. Carol – CAP update is underway, taken edits/suggestions from folks and starting to incorporate them.
- e. Mary Liang – had her baby! Will be back April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f. Since the Milestones event will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will keep the April meeting tentative for now and only hold it if something important comes up in the meantime. Otherwise, we will plan to cancel that meeting and fully celebrate Earth Month!