



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

Meeting Minutes
July 18th, 1:00-2:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

- Introductions and welcome to new members
 - Carol Dollard, Chris Giglio, Anthony Appleton, Monica Latham, Tonie Miyamoto, Sara Campbell, Grace Wright, Tim Brennan, Kirstie Tedrick, Jake Drenth, Aaron Fodge, Kenneth Kineer, Farrah Bustamante, Mark Gokavi, Brian Dunbar, Jacob VanderRoest, Andrew Warnock, Jennifer Williams, Aleta Weller, Allison Vitt, Ryan Scott, Mark Paquette, Mindy Hill
 - Welcome Jennifer Williams, Integrated Solid Waste Manager, and Kenneth Kineer, ASCSU Director of Environmental Affairs!
- CSU Leadership Transition & PSC
 - Rick Miranda, Interim President, is continuing to be very supportive of sustainability and the PSC. We will be meeting with him in early August to review ongoing initiatives and STARS during the Presidential and VPUO transitions. Albert Bumper, new Chief of Staff, will be joining us for a meeting in the fall. The CST session we submitted to the AASHE Conference has been accepted and Jenelle is excited to present with Tonie and Courtney Schultz, Associate Professor in WCNR. The new VPUO, Brendan Hanlon, is coming in with support for sustainability initiatives. Many candidates for new positions are very eager to pursue sustainability with CSU, with some saying it is a factor for them choosing to apply here!
- STARS 2.2 Progress and Call for Input: EN7 & EN11
 - We have hired an external third-party review for the STARS report, Zilchin Consulting. Alyssa is our rep, and she has started to review some of our credits. We are officially in the data submission phase and will continue to reach out with data asks; thank you to those who have already helped! We have lost some ground since our last report, especially with Living Wage and Affordability & Access. We have also made ground in some areas, especially Sustainable Investment. Sustainable Investment increased from 12.89% in 2019 to 28.32% today! This used to be one of our weaker credits and is now one of our strongest.
 - Shoutout to Monica Latham for responding to STARS data requests while just returning from Semester at Sea, we really appreciate your help and commitment.
 - Shoutout to the Colorado Natural Heritage Program for their Biodiversity Report. They did an amazing, very in-depth report on biodiversity for CSU property and involved student groups.
 - We are looking for assistance and input with the following credits.
 - EN11 Inter-Campus Collaboration: We are looking for input from PSC on two aspects of this credit. One, higher education sustainability conference presentations and ongoing mentorship relationships for sustainability programs. If you, or someone you know of, presented at a sustainability conference or has an ongoing mentoring relationship with another university, please contact Kirstie Tedrick at Kirstie.tedrick@colostate.edu.
 - EN7 Employee Educators: We are also looking for employee peer educator programs about sustainability. This credit looks for trained employees educating their peers on sustainability. In the PSC Teams channel, there is a spreadsheet titled 'EN7 Employee Educators' and this is where we are collecting program information. There are some programs that are good examples already listed in the sheet. We would like to have the data collected by August 1.
- Sustainability Course and Community Service Survey

- Shoutout to the PSC Academic Subcommittee and the Institute for Research in Social Sciences for your work on creating the Sustainable Course Inventory and Service Learning/Community Survey! It is now out to all instructors with a close date of August 1. The data will inform CST, the new Academic Master Plan, and STARS. Thank you to Rick for sending the initial invite and Interim Provost Jan Nerger for sending the survey reminder next week. One lucky respondent will win an e-bike sponsored by PSC.
- PSC Host Institution for AASHE Conference & VERGE Conference Attendance
 - Grace Wright: the Impact MBA has paid for campus-wide registration to the Greenbiz VERGE Conference. The conference takes place October 25-27 in San Jose, California. The VERGE Conference is an industry-focused, forward-looking Climate Tech Conference with multiple tracks: Buildings, Carbon, Energy, Food, Startup, & Transportation. This conference is entirely in-person, and individuals must pay for their own transportation and lodging; Impact MBA is covering the attendance pass for faculty and staff. Interested students may have the opportunity to volunteer or attend some events for free. Contact Grace Wright grace.wright@colostate.edu if you would like to learn more or sign up for attendance.
 - <https://events.greenbiz.com/events/verge/2022>
 - Kirstie Tedrick: PSC will be a host institution for the annual Global AASHE Conference, themed 'The Urgency of Now'. This conference is entirely virtual, and takes place on three separate dates: Tuesday, October 18th; Wednesday, October 26th; and Thursday, November 3rd. CSU's pass has a participant cap at 200 for free attendance. Both students and employees can join. The keynote speakers are live sessions, while other presenters will be recorded and can be watched later. For details on registration, contact Kirstie.Tedrick@colostate.edu.
 - <https://www.aashe.org/conference/about/>
- E-Waste Working Group Update
 - The E-Waste working group (Carol Dollard, Jake Drenth, Stacey Baumgarn, Alicia Armentrout, & Jennifer Williams) is working to re-examine Universal Waste – waste that could become hazardous if not disposed of properly, such as freon, electronics, and batteries - disposal on campus. Currently, individual departments pay a per item fee to Surplus for disposal. Annually, these fees amount to between \$75,000 - \$100,000 paid by departments for disposal. This creates issues where departments hold onto E-Waste to avoid fees. We are asking Central Administration to allocate a funding pool to Surplus for E-waste disposal instead of charging individual department fees. The current ask is an \$80,000 allocation, which will hopefully encourage departments to avoid hanging onto waste and free up accounting time spent on the monthly bills to departments.
 - The E-Waste working group is finalizing a draft recommendation and will send out to PSC for review soon. We are waiting a bit for the new VPUO to be more established before sending it up. This program would be similar to Air Travel Offset but will be centrally funded.
- Additional updates for working groups
 - The Air Travel Offset Fee has been live now for about 6 months. Has anyone received feedback? Accounting had a few hiccups in original processing but resolved now. There was concern on front end, but implementation has received positive feedback. People have even asked if they can pay more!
 - For new members, working groups for PSC are goal-oriented and centered around a specific policy/program and will dissolve once that goal is reached. Sub-committees are long term and ongoing. If there is a group or sub-committee you would like to be more involved in, please reach out! They are open to any member for the campus community.
- GHG Accounting Update
 - Carol Dollard: CSU does a GHG inventory every fiscal year. Some colleges (like COB) are starting to do their own as well. We will be reaching out for data soon. Due to STARS submission deadlines, we have to conduct the inventory sooner than usual. Please prioritize GHG asks if you see them! We do not know where the inventory will go post-COVID, likely higher than last year. The local electrical grid is getting cleaner and air travel is still low, but commuting is rising again and building use is higher. We can choose any of past three FY for STARS reporting.
- Tonie, Farrah, Tim. Outstanding budget item. PSC was hoping to get a REC purchase by end of year, was not able to go through. We are hoping the contract will get approved soon and we can use carry-forward funds. Contract is

being routed for signature. PSC Budget did great this past FY; the Sustainability Fund was distributed; Curriculum Innovation grants were expended, and we even received additional funding; our first 5-week Earth Month went through; AASHE conference sponsorship last year; as well as departmental buyouts and supplemental pay for special projects.

- Member updates
 - Allison Vitt:
 - Climate Transitions Dialogue in early June was a success. This was an inaugural effort with collaboration between CSU's Energy Institute and SoGES to host two-day workshop and dialogue with participants across Colorado and some outside of Colorado. There were group sessions, panels, presentations and dialogues, with about 90 people attending across two days. Invite-only event at first but looking to expand and host more regularly and virtually. Thank you for those who participated and please share any feedback you may have.
 - We're seeking a course instructor for GES 141: Intro to Sustainable Energy for Fall 2022. This is a paid opportunity (\$12,500) for a senior PhD student, post-doc, or research professional to teach this course under the mentorship of Dr. Jason Quinn and Dr. Bryan Wilson. See Teams Channel for a flyer about the position or contact Dr. Jason Quinn Jason.Quinn@colostate.edu.
 - Aaron Fodge: CSU was awarded \$900,000 grant for a trail to connect Spring Creek Gardens to the Horticulture Center and Prospect underpass. This is the first time we have used donor funding to match a grant and ATFAB provided a match as well. The project will likely happen next spring/summer. PTS also provided an Infrastructure Bike Tour for staff last week to see all different bike and pedestrian projects on campus. ASCSU has given one-time funding plus financial support from previous CFO is supporting relaunch of the ADA campus shuttle with the Student Disability Center to support students with disabilities. The launch is targeted for the first week of fall semester. An accessible van, with lift and ramp, is in possession and we are in the process of hiring a driver.
 - Kirstie Tedrick:
 - Record-breaking year for campus housing, and we will be doing the usual cardboard/Styrofoam recycling during move in. HDS is looking for volunteers to help out, we will send out information to PSC.
 - HDS has a Sustainability Fund similar to PSC, only it must directly benefit HDS. The application deadline is July 22nd, but there will be a second deadline in Nov.
 - Eco Leaders application is open until next week, looking for 1 per residence hall. Please promote and/or recommend students. All experience welcome, and students receive a \$1650 stipend per semester, equivalent to \$17/hour for their time commitment.
 - Carol Dollard: I am currently working with professors and researchers in the College of Ag on agrivoltaics to address land use conflict issues. One area is feedlot shading trials at ARDEC and another is assessing the effects on grazing at the Semi-arid Grasslands Research Center (SGRC) near Nunn, CO. Grants are coming down from the state and federally for funding in agrivoltaics.
 - Brian Dunbar: The Institute for the Built Environment, Environmental Health Services and the Geospatial Centroid collaborated on the EnviroScreen tool for CDPHE. This web-based tool allows anyone access to data on environmental hazards and justice issues in Colorado.
 - <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/colorado-launches-environmental-justice-tool-developed-by-three-csu-organizations/>
 - <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/enviroscreen>
 - Sara Campbell: Foundation update. CSUF encourages investment managers within the Foundation's portfolio to consider investments in sustainable industries and renewable energy initiatives via a personalized message from the President/CEO and endorsed by the Board of Directors. CSUF also asks for a report on all ESG-compliant holdings. Usually, they respond that they have no policies relating to ESG but in the last two years more and more are saying they have policies or are working on them.
 - Kenneth Kineer: new ASCSU Director of Environmental Affairs. I have been working with students to put senate bills forward and am interested in xeriscaping on campus. I am looking for routes to get more

xeriscape areas on campus, please reach out if you are interested or with anything you would like to see ASCSU work on.

- Tonie: opportunity for ASCSU to get more involved with move in process and student packing tips