



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

Meeting Minutes  
August 15th, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Virtual Meeting**

- No new members to introduce this month.
- University Holiday Schedule & PSC Meetings.
  - There will be three PSC Meetings in the next year that conflict with University holidays: November 21<sup>st</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup>, and June 19<sup>th</sup>. We can either move those three meetings to the second Monday of the month, at the same time, and keep the remainder of meetings on the third Monday of each month; or move all PSC Meetings to the second Monday of each month at the same time. If all meetings are moved, this would start with the October meeting. Please fill out the following form to let us know which option works best for you:
    - [https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dmVkJFsCIGkQ8mnY](https://qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dmVkJFsCIGkQ8mnY)
- Update on Meeting with Interim President Rick Miranda.
  - Carol & Tonie met with Rick on August 8<sup>th</sup> to touch base on PSC topics and to make sure PSC is aligned with Rick's vision, including budget, CST, and STARS. PSC will have same base budget as last year. Rick and the President's Office is covering costs for STARS (fees and third-party review). We did not get the \$25,000 increase for Curriculum Innovation Grants we had hoped for, however, we found an additional \$5,000 in the budget so it will be at \$25,000 for this year. We will continue to advocate in the next budget cycle. With changes in administration, it was difficult to navigate the budget process this year.
  - Rick continues to be supportive of PSC and sustainability initiatives at CSU, as he has been for many years. Albert Bimper, Interim Chief of Staff, was at the meeting as well, and is supportive of sustainability and will be attending our September meeting. Rick has prioritized a few areas from CST to move forward with including student success, rural initiatives, health initiatives, and sustainability initiatives.
  - Rick was supportive of moving forward with SoGES major and other sustainability concentrations around the University and identifying courses most students take to bolster sustainability education, such as Statistics/Mathematics, English/Composition, Chemistry, and Psychology. Something the Academic Subcommittee may want to start considering is how to integrate sustainability in those core courses. How can we also support concentrations that have been proposed in both undergrad and grad programs? The sustainability course survey we recently sent out to instructors will clue us in on how we should approach this and where gaps may exist. The survey got close to 500-600 respondents.
  - We gave Rick a heads up that this is a tough STARS report; COVID impacted many of our credits (living wage, affordability of attendance, sustainable transportation). The GHG credits and many other tough credits are still in the works, so we do not have a clear idea yet of where the STARS report will end. Rick and Albert understand that there are some places we could make up ground in the coming weeks and some credits are set in stone as they are based on past performance.
  - The Presidential Search Committee is underway. Stacey Baumgarn is on the committee, as well as several other individuals with a strong focus or background in sustainability.
- STARS Call for Input. These credits are the specific ones we are diving deeper into right now and would like PSC input on:
  - EN1 Student Educators: This credit looks at students educating students on sustainability. This requires students doing peer-to-peer outreach that they have been trained to complete (Ex: Eco Leaders are

trained to do peer education and outreach in campus housing). This can be paid or unpaid. For the report, we need: total number of students trained as peer educators, who the program is available to (all students, one department, etc.), the number of weeks the program is active annually, and the average number of hours worked per student educator weekly.

- If you have a program you think may fit, please contact Mary Liang ([Mary.Liang@colostate.edu](mailto:Mary.Liang@colostate.edu)) and Kirstie Tedrick ([Kirstie.Tedrick@colostate.edu](mailto:Kirstie.Tedrick@colostate.edu)) or add it to the following sheet:
- [https://colostate-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/ktedrick\\_colostate\\_edu/EYTwgnAaK71Mob9d2zQyfxgBb-Htlvy5awXY0i7i5sk\\_ig?e=I9eATl](https://colostate-my.sharepoint.com/:x/g/personal/ktedrick_colostate_edu/EYTwgnAaK71Mob9d2zQyfxgBb-Htlvy5awXY0i7i5sk_ig?e=I9eATl)
- EN7 Employee Educators: This credit is like EN1, but for employees educating employees on sustainability. This requires employees have been trained to do peer outreach on sustainability and may also be paid or unpaid. For each program, we need: total number of employees trained as peer educators, who the program is available to (all employees, one department, etc.), the number of weeks the program is active annually, and the average number of hours worked per employee educator weekly. Professional development that is one time does not count for this credit but send them for consideration in other EN credits (including professional development, training, and community service.)
  - If you have a program that might fit, send it to Bryn Hall ([Bryn.Hall@colostate.edu](mailto:Bryn.Hall@colostate.edu)) or add it to the following sheet:
  - [https://colostate.sharepoint.com/:x/r/sites/CSU\\_PSC/Shared%20Documents/General/EN7%20-%20Employee%20Educators%20\(1\).xlsx?d=wdcd714e00c9c4b5a86cceb1fc0f96361&csf=1&web=1&e=Y8tcTg](https://colostate.sharepoint.com/:x/r/sites/CSU_PSC/Shared%20Documents/General/EN7%20-%20Employee%20Educators%20(1).xlsx?d=wdcd714e00c9c4b5a86cceb1fc0f96361&csf=1&web=1&e=Y8tcTg)
- Please send anything you can think of with sustainability-related engagement or outreach, and we can find a place for it. Consider sustainability broadly, a program can focus mainly on social, environmental, or economic sustainability to count. With this report, we can include programs from the last three years.
- Additional STARS Updates:
  - Our timeline for STARS is to close out as many credits as possible by the end of August, with several of the most complicated going into September. We want to submit to AASHE by October 1<sup>st</sup> so our report does not lapse.
  - We are continuing to work on many credits, and likely will come forward with more requests for input in the coming weeks.
  - Kudos to Anthony Appleton and Bryn for their work on the Research credits! Those have been reviewed by our third-party reviewer and will be submitted to AASHE at 100%. Planning & Administration is mostly completed and looking strong overall. Academics and Engagement are waiting on the survey results to complete some large credits and we are waiting on the GHG report to finish up Operations. Once the report is submitted to AASHE, some of the large credits with interesting datasets like the Course and Research inventories will be available on [green.colostate.edu](http://green.colostate.edu).
- Member Updates
  - Grace Wright:
    - College of Business is launching a Business for a Better World online speaker series about sustainability. The first event will take place on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Andrew Behar, CEO of [As You Sow](http://AsYouSow.com), will discuss the power of shareholder advocacy and how to screen for ESG factors in your investments.
      - Registration link: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZqRWcWffTT2iTgm9Wuar6w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZqRWcWffTT2iTgm9Wuar6w)
    - The College of Business just finished their first college-level Greenhouse Gas Footprint. We hired a graduate intern who will be presenting the report at a COB event, and we will be moving forward with creating a Green Team for the COB. Thank you to everyone who helped us complete this.
    - CSU Net Impact is hosting a movie night at the Lyric on September 24<sup>th</sup> screening movies from the Mountain film festival. Doors open at 7:30pm.
      - <https://lyriccinema.com/#/movie/7928>

- Aleta Weller:
  - On September 8<sup>th</sup> SoGES will be hosting a sustainability kick-off event on the Oval with food trucks. SoGES will also be resuming a lot of events that were on pause or virtual due to COVID this year, such as the Antarctic Lecture series.
  - The Sustainable Living Association will be hosting a bike-in movie at the Lyric of 'Don't Look Up' on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 10pm.
    - <https://sustainablelivingassociation.org/bike-in-movie-dont-look-up/>
  - As we get ready to send out the Curriculum Innovation Grant RFP in the coming weeks, anyone on PSC interested in helping as an external reviewer for proposals would be appreciated. The exact timeline depends on RFP, looking to open in next couple of weeks with review possibly starting in October to ensure faculty have time to plan for Spring courses. Email Aleta directly if you are interested at [Aleta.Weller@colostate.edu](mailto:Aleta.Weller@colostate.edu).
- Carol Dollard: Just found out today that energy numbers for FY22 are finalized and up to date. For the next couple of weeks Stacey and I will be going in-depth for GHG accounting to meet the STARS deadline. Based on some preliminary numbers, it is looking like it will be higher than last year, but we are hopeful that we are overall downward trend.
- Erika Benti: PTS will be hosting a new Learn to Ride series on bike and skateboard education open to students and employees in the beginning of the semester. These classes are formatted as a series, with multiple sessions for participants to attend. It is aimed for students and employees who are interested in biking or skateboarding but do not know how. Registration is required, if you are interested in attending, please sign up! If you could distribute this with your networks that would be great.
  - Visit <https://bicycle.colostate.edu/> for more information on biking at CSU
  - The Engage calendar has dates and registration links for PTS events including Learn to Ride: <https://engage.fcgov.com/Calendar>