



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

Agenda

August 14th, 1:00-2:30 pm

Hybrid Meeting

1. Introductions – 5 minutes

Carol Dollard, Tonie Miyamoto, Nik Olsen, Stacey Baumgarn, Bill Timpson, Aaron Fodge, Mary Liang, Reagan Fields, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Monica Lathem, Kirstie Tedrick, Sara Campbell, Mindy Hill, Lynsey Bosch, Grace Wright, Aleta Weller, Joe Von Fischer, Brian Dunbar, Jocelyn Hittle, Zeinab Rezaie, Sybil Sharvelle, Andrew Warnock

2. PSC Budget Update – 10 minutes

- The PSC budget has been increased for this fiscal year. The funds will be dispersed between several initiatives:
 - The curriculum grants funding increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Those funds have been distributed after a successful RFP process.
 - The PSC graduate position has been posted and we have increased funding for this position. The position is open for both graduate and undergraduate students.
https://colostate.joinhandshake.com/stu/jobs/8100305?ref=preview-header-click&search_id=dbfbc2df-baae-4d41-ac1b-bd3994add7c2
 - The CSU Sustainability Fund has been increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000 with \$75,000 earmarked for fleet conversion. This fund will be launched in the next few weeks.
 - PSC Sustainability Culture Survey Assessment budget has been approved (\$5,000) to go through IRISS to help distribute and analyze the results of the survey. We are aiming to distribute the survey later in the Fall semester and have the results ready by the end of the semester.

3. Homecoming and Family Weekend Sustainability Theme for game day – 10 minutes

- Many initiatives have already kicked off including the Sustainable SWAG Guide and the Sustainable Tailgating Guide.
 - Mary Liang is also working with Jaime Gaskill on a transportation guide.
 - All these guides will be available on [Green.colostate.edu](https://green.colostate.edu) for reference.
- Planning for a CSU Gear Swap Shop is in the works. This swap event will be for anyone to drop off or swap their CSU gear at the Festival on the Oval October 13. We are looking for gently-used CSU official gear including jackets, scarves, hats, shirts, lanyards, cups/mugs etc. We do not want to collect uniforms, CSU-owned items, or department or event-specific items.
 - We are working with the Alumni, Parent & Family Programs, and MarComm to spread the word. Please feel free to share the page - <https://green.colostate.edu/gearswap/>.
 - We are happy to collect items in advance! Please let Tonie know if you have any items you would like to donate or if you would like to help host the booth.
 - The Aggie Eco Leaders will be taking anything leftover to do a student swap event.

- We currently have a request to Athletics to recognize the Zero Waste Team during the games. Hopefully on the field or on the jumbotron.
4. Curriculum Innovation Grants – 10 minutes
 - a. Aleta shared there will be a workshop this year but not sure on the timing quite yet if it will be Fall or Spring.
 - b. Five projects have been funded this year, so they are able to have the entire year available to them for implementation. The projects include three teams and two individuals. One is revamping an entire course, and two of them are creating a new course.
 - c. A SOURCE article or other announcement of the awardees will be coming soon.
 5. CSU Sustainability Fund – 10 minutes
 - a. This year there will be \$25,000 dollars available for general sustainability projects on campus. Anyone can apply including students, faculty, or staff on campus.
 - b. Proposals should be between \$1,000 and \$10,000. Matching funding is always appreciated.
 - c. The fund will launch within the next several weeks and there will be some Teams sessions to help answer any questions to those who want to submit proposals.
 - d. Grant awardees will be notified by November and will need to spend funds by the end of the fiscal year. Many projects were funded this past year including an electric car charging station at the Mountain Campus that had their first customer this past weekend!
 6. PSC Fleet Sub-Group Recommendations – 20 minutes
 - PSC can create a working group to tackle a specific project. PSC created a fleet working group last winter and recruited representatives from across the university. The working group met for six months and has recommendations to present today.
 - The main goal of this working group is to learn how our vehicle fleet currently operates. By fleet we mean any rental vehicles, owned vehicles by departments or PTS, and research vehicles. Some vehicles are located around the world. However, our main fleet is located here on main campus where we have a couple hundred vehicles.
 - Our current STARS score on fleet is one of our worst - 0.07/1.00 score. How do we improve and reduce GHG emitting vehicles, while also transitioning the fleet to zero emissions.
 - Each set of recommendations has a category, including:
 - Life-Cycle Cost Analysis – justify the purchase of the vehicle not just looking at the up-front costs but lifetime costs.
 - Preventative maintenance - vehicles pollute more and break down more when they are not maintained and we also need to create a safe place to work on EVs.
 - Rental fleet – how can we make the fleet more easily available to be checked out? Rebranding the fleet to get the message out across campus.
 - Fleet optimization – how to increase use of the fleet and right size vehicles for their intended use.
 - Increase EVs – need to get Level III chargers on campus and incentivize departments to purchase EVs.
 - PSC Action Items:
 - Add fleet goals to the Climate Action Plan – Carol and Stacey will bring CAP to a future meeting for discussion
 - Adopt Carbon Hierarchy – this will be a future agenda item for discussion
 - Budget request – this year we have been able to fund through the CSU Sustainability Fund
 - Please send any thoughts or recommendations on the memorandum to Aaron.
 - Does PSC agree with moving forward this memo to ELT for consideration?
 - Formal PSC vote – motion passed.

7. Move In Volunteer Shifts - 5 minutes

- a. If you are available during the next few days of move-in please sign up to volunteer at our waste stations. This year we are able to recycle cardboard, plastic thin-film, and Styrofoam.
- b. Sustainability has been intertwined with Ram Welcome, we will be waste sorting during the welcome lunch on Friday and sustainable recommendation guides were sent out to folks participating in the street fair and for the to-go breakfast and carnival planners.

8. Member Updates – 20 minutes

- a. Grace Wright – Is there any update on meeting with the President?
 - i. Tonie and Carol were able to meet with the Chief of Staff, Rico, the second week of July. They shared PSC updates including our strategic plan, budget, and ask for a new ELT liaison for PSC. President Parsons is hoping to attend a meeting this fall.
- b. Will there be a STARS report this year?
 - i. Will revisit when the GHG inventory is completed.
- c. Aaron Fodge – The master plan for campus transportation and management is completed and they plan to publish it shortly and put it online.
 - i. The Bicycle Friendly University report was submitted. We have been platinum for several years and do believe we will receive that designation once again. PTS was awarded a 11 million dollar grant for the foothills transit station which is a precursor to the west Elizabeth project. Only two projects in the state were able to receive this grant. They believe construction will begin towards the end of 2024.
 - ii. Six bike tours are in place for programming during move in. They had 80 international students rolling around campus learning about transportation yesterday!
- d. Bill Timpson- A bench to honor peacemaking and reconciliation has been added towards the Vietnam bridge, and the peace pole moved over there. This area focuses west on the foothills. These benches are available to anyone to use to have a nice place. There are fruit trees right behind them and overall is just a nice relaxing space to sit.
- Carol Dollard – The job description for the PSC internship is available. Anyone who is interested please share the opportunity -
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 - i. GHG inventory is in process, if you owe any data, she will be reaching out soon.
 - ii. Air travel offset fee information will come in our next meeting.
- e. Mary Liang – HDS special projects team and Aaron have been working to deliver two electric trikes for HDS and the Spoke will get another bike for their mobile shop.
 - i. If you haven't heard yet, the Forever Green shirts will be made out of sustainable materials this year!