



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

Agenda  
May 8th, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Virtual Meeting**

- Introductions
  - Alicia Armentrout, Stacey Baumgarn, Tim Brennan, Farrah Bustamante, Sara Campbell, Kira Douglas, Jake Drenth, Colleen Duncan, Jamie Gaskill, Mark Gokavi, Mindy Hill, Randyn Heisserer-Miller, Jocelyn Hittle, Kenneth Kineer, Greg Lewis, Mary Liang, Monica Latham, Tonie Miyamoto, Ryan Scott, Kirstie Tedrick, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Jennifer Williams, Grace Wright, Bryn Hall, Zeinab Rezaie
- Library Weeding Project – Randyn Heisserer-Miller, head of Collection Strategies at CSU Libraries
  - CSU Libraries is heading into a revamp of collections space that includes a large-scale weeding project. Morgan Library is a highly used campus space, with 82.8% of students report visiting at least once a week. The space constraints for the library are high, especially student access to study rooms that are competitive for allotments. They are looking to revamp internal space to allow for more collaborative space and single study space to address this. Additionally, offsite storage is at 98% capacity. The weeding project will deselect titles from collection completely based on professional standards, procedures, and criteria.
  - The two main tasks for this project are to create new innovative spaces and a welcoming environment for students to study, collaborate and grow; and making it easier for students to find current relevant, high-quality information to collection. Phased approach for this project, starting with: renovate areas on first/second floors in phases; move select shelves and materials to different areas; weed physical materials that are outdated/damaged/unused, or accessible online to make it easier for students to find current, relevant, high-quality information; and continue to expand access with publishers, especially online resources. The weeding process is all based on professional standards and criteria. Three options exist for deselected books: transfer materials when needed and beneficial to other state agencies (correctional facilities for example), prioritize recycling materials to divert from landfills (with proper care based on content and structure), partner with Facilities to ensure proper handling and disposal of all materials. Donations are a possibility but removing outdated materials can present challenges with content relevance and accuracy. Overall, there are plans to weed out 1/3 of the collection.
  - What people can do: suggest purchases or resources and send questions or comments to Randyn Heisserer-Miller ([Randyn.Heisserer-Miller@colostate.edu](mailto:Randyn.Heisserer-Miller@colostate.edu))
- Earth Month Review & Notes for Next Year
  - Andrew Warnock: low turnout for student workshop event – the room was tucked away in the LSC. For next year, looking into getting a more central location for the room and earlier advertising.
  - Kirstie Tedrick: reserving rooms as soon as possible (maybe even now) for workshops and events coinciding with the Earth Day Festival. The turnout for Earth Day festival was great, almost every booth showed up and good student turnout given weather. The compost giveaway and e-waste collection event turnout was way higher than in the past – never ran out of compost before!
  - Jake Drenth: E-waste turnout was great and consistent, close to 3,000 pounds of e-waste collected.
  - Jamie Gaskill: Transit events went well this year. PTS changed the bike to breakfast event to include more active modes – Bike, Scoot, or Skate to Breakfast. 176 people stopped by for breakfast, and PTS taught something about active transit safety to each person. They received good feedback from longboarders

about how to improve campus racks. Additionally, the Spoke was very busy with helping people tune up their bikes. Good engagement this year overall for transit events.

- Jennifer Williams: CSU came in 15<sup>th</sup> place out of 91 schools for the Campus Race to Zero Waste this year. Total diversion number were great, improvements could be made on individual diversions.
- Tonie Miyamoto: the sustainability issue of CSU magazine did great, sold out of physical copies. Suggested to lower the amount in print for this edition, and it may be something they stick with this year. State magazine will plan to use similar content with some reframing for their upcoming edition. The PSC Recognition & Milestone event was well attended, and we will be looking for a larger space for next year. Record visits for green.colostate for April, nearly double the average (1.4k for the month!). Thank you all for helping us keep the site updated! Check out the 'How to be a Better Earthling' videos, a new series created with the Division of Student Affairs to create short videos on sustainability actions individuals can take and looking how to evolve this series further.
  - <https://green.colostate.edu/how-to-be-a-better-earthling/>
  - Thank you to Jocelyn for helping us further sustainability collaborations with the CSU System to work on how we can all collaborate.
- Mary Liang: thoughts on presentations for Sustainability Fund during the Recognitions & Milestones event?
  - Maybe went on too long and there could be a better time and place to share Sustainability Fund recipients, but we do want to hear about the work of the recipients. Possibly extending the presentations out to broader campus communities.
- If anyone has feedback or ideas on rooms to look to reserve for Earth Month next year, please let us know!
- Homecoming Game – Sustainability Theme
  - Tonie Miyamoto: October 14<sup>th</sup> Homecoming & Parent/Family Game will be the sustainability themed game this year. More formalized themes this year, such as Veterans, Food Security, and State Pride, with 6 themed games total. The Homecoming game typically sells out and has higher attendance beyond campus. Since it is a part of Homecoming & Parents and Family week means there will be lots of events throughout the whole week and many people coming to campus.
  - Stacey & Tonie had a meeting last week to begin brainstorming ideas. The main thing is to walk the talk by making sure that any event hosted is aiming to be sustainable so attendees can really experience sustainability at CSU. Stacey volunteered to create a sustainable tailgating guide to start distributing to hosts/groups as early as possible. Also, looking to update the green events guide that is on green.colostate to make sure it is relevant and includes up-to-date recommendations on things like sustainable giveaways. We also want to consider how do we celebrate sustainability that we don't typically? One way would be celebrating the Zero Waste Team for all the work they do for campus events, doing a PSA on the jumbotron on proper waste sorting. Also, the opportunity to participate in events throughout the week or hosting things like tours to highlight sustainability. Festival in the Oval is a well-attended event that could be a good opportunity for members to host booths.
    - Ideas mentioned in the meeting include clothing swaps for CSU gear, working with tailgate vendors, QR codes for sustainability information or donations, waste sorting video on jumbotron with alumnus or student athletes.
  - Let Stacey Baumgarn or Tonie Miyamoto know if you would like to be involved in planning and engagement. We want to consider this over the summer so that there is a solid plan by August to make sure people visiting campus during this weekend can really tell and feel sustainability as a priority. S
- Summer & FY24 Meeting Schedule
  - Tonie Miyamoto: we are considering three options for our PSC meetings next year.
    - 1. In person for events, all regular meetings are virtual.
    - 2. All in person regular meetings, however hybrid rooms are difficult to find for size of group so the option to join virtually may not be consistent.
    - 3. **Hold one meeting in person for each session (1 fall, spring, summer) and the rest remote.**
      - **This option was most popular for meeting attendees.**

- Summer meetings: we plan to cancel our July meeting to give everyone a break. The June meeting will be decided based on President Parson's availability or the number of agenda items received, and we will look for an in-person space to host the meeting.
- HDS Move Out Program
  - Kirstie Tedrick: HDS is hosting the annual Pack it, Store it, Donate It move-out program. Students are encouraged to bring any items they can home with them, and donation stations are set up for what is not taken home. This year HDS is excited to be able to collect mattress toppers this year with the help of Sustainability Fund grant, which will help keep mattress toppers out of the landfill. HDS is also partnering with a local plant rescue, Jake at Surplus for mini-fridges and microwaves, and any other donations will go to local non-profits. We are still looking for volunteers to help manage donation stations throughout this week! Friday is the date we are needing the most volunteers as it is the busiest move out day. Sign up through this link: <https://signup.com/go/UoBnTPe>
- Member Updates
  - Colleen Duncan – We are in the early stages on planning for a WELL & LEED Building on South Campus. For this process, we need a subcommittee that includes CSU representatives. Currently we are looking for someone to serve as an expert on food, such as food availability in building that is sustainable and healthy. If anyone would like to serve or knows of someone that would, please reach out to Colleen!
    - <https://www.wellcertified.com>