



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

Agenda

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm

**LSC Room 372-374**

- Welcome and Introductions - 5 min
  - Aaron Fodge, Grace Wright, Mary Liang, Diego Marquez, Stacey Baumgarn, Carol Dollard, Jackie Carillo, Tonie Miyamoto, Rico Munn, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Reagan Fields, Haydyn Deason, Jake Drenth, Brian Dunbar, Mindy Hill, President Amy Parsons, Mark Paquette, Mark Richard, Mark Gokavi, Aleta Weller, Monica Latham, Andrew Warnock, Tim Brennan, Dan McGrath, Sara Campbell, Greg Lewis, Shelly Lynch, Jacob VanderRoest
- President Parsons and Chief of Staff Rico Munn
  - CSU has been recognized as a Top Performer in Curriculum, Research, Engagement, Investment, Purchasing, and Water. Need more focus on operations, including District Energy Master Plan, certifying new buildings, increased efficiency in existing buildings, expanding renewable electricity, fleet conversion, and better waste management tracking.
  - The Sustainability Curriculum Innovation Grants and sustainability learning outcomes have been a success for PSC and we would like to expand these efforts.
  - Climate resiliency planning will be included in STARS 3.0 – preparing for wildfires, flood mitigation, adapting to rising temperatures, power outages, and making sure all community constituents are taken care of in times of emergency.
  - Student Success will also be included in STARS 3.0, including retention and graduation rates, particularly for first gen and underrepresented students.
  - President Parsons - What is our timeline for the next report? Our report was official in January 2023. Our report will be active for three years. STARS 3.0 is coming out in 2024 so we can decide then if we submit in 2025 or 2026.
  - President Parsons - What are the most powerful sustainability stories that we can tell? What are the most innovative things that we are doing? If there is a donor wanting to invest in sustainability, what are the short list of priorities we can share? PSC will follow-up with stories and donor opportunities.
- Strategic Planning
  - What are our most powerful stories? Please send ideas to Tonie.
    - Diego – having more focus on students with diverse backgrounds. My interest in CSU was the opportunity to collaborate with other backgrounds and learn more about sustainability.
    - Reagan – CSU's relationship with the City and federal partnerships. Academics was big for them on choosing CSU for the sustainability courses, education, and the work. How do we tell the story that sustainability is present in all our colleges and Interdisciplinary in SOGES?
    - Jacob – Graduate student the SOGES fellows' program was a huge draw as well as the UN conferences opportunity and to see all the education programs in the Fort Collins community.
  - What short list can donors contribute to?
    - Support sustainability funds for all sorts of projects.

- Renewable electricity projects are available and solar is a tangible item for donors. Projects that are in the works and will happen with support (i.e., path to platinum).
  - Curriculum Innovation Grants
  - Student support ideas – Eco Leaders, Living Labs, sponsorship to attend UN Climate negotiations.
  - We can send factsheets that we created for Advancement.
- Sustainability Game Day
  - CSU Gear Swap event during the Festival on the Oval on Friday starting at 3PM. We currently don't have many items to populate the booth. Please share that we are collecting items! Tonie is collecting items in her office, 201 Admin.
  - PSC is to be honored pre-game on the field this Saturday! RSVP to the email Tonie sent out by Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> by noon. The Student Sustainability Center will also be recognized!
  - Green Tailgating Guide (kudos to Stacey) as well as the Sustainable Swag Guide and Zero Waste Event Guide was shared to Athletics. You can access all the guides here: <https://green.colostate.edu/campus-sustainability-guides/>
- Indian Delegation Confirmed for November 2
  - The US Trade and Development Agency has a delegation from the government of India coming to visit US universities to look at energy and procurement. Our visit is scheduled for the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. International programs are going to be helping to host them. The breakfast meeting will be at the Powerhouse Campus. The Center of New Energy Economy, Energy Institute, and PSC reps will attend. President Parsons and Rico will meet with them following that and wrap up with a tour to the Geoexchange and solar arrays around the university.
    - We will reach to APACC and Indian Students Association to see if there are a couple students interested in being part of this visit.
- Member Updates - 20 min
  - Tonie - AASHE Conference will be October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Carol and Kirstie are presenting.
  - Goose concert – there was a 75-cent fee on the drinks, does anyone know about this initiative? Reagan – it might have been the R Cup – reusable cups program.
  - Mindy – Victoria Silva won the competition for Murals. Her project looks into clean water in mobile home communities. She testified in front of the House and Senate on how mobile home communities should have access to clean water. Center for Environmental Justice is hosting her presentation on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:30 in the LSC Theatre on her project.
  - Aaron – The first meeting for front range rail will be early next month for where a station will be placed in Fort Collins. Could be important to CSU since it will connect CSU FOCO to Spur to Pueblo. Boulder to Denver as the first phase. Grant for Foothills Transit Station to construct that station. Extension offices may be suitable locations for level three electric vehicle charging as the state builds out infrastructure.
  - Grace – College of Business is tracking outcomes with the UN sustainability goals. Putting out the first UN compact report next month. Will be in a magazine news style report. Highlighting what they are doing in the college.
  - Aleta – CSU has an official delegation to the UN climate negotiations each year. Will be in early December this year. It will be in Dubai this year. Our badges are very limited, so we are going through the selection process.
  - Mary – Final reminder that deadline for the CSU sustainability Fund is the end of this month. October 27<sup>th</sup>.