



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

Agenda
May 13th, 1:00-2:30 pm
Virtual

- Introductions – 5 min
- City of Fort Collins Program Discussion – NoCo Biz Connect (Stacey) – 15 min
 - The City of Fort Collins has several sustainability programs that CSU has participated in. Stacey would like PSC's input on a new program that they are offering, which in some ways replaces the former ClimateWise program we had participated in since 2000. Facilities Management submitted an annual report on behalf of CSU each year and earned recognition through that program. CSU was a platinum partner from 2009-2019. In 2019 the program ended.
 - NoCo Biz Connect is the reimagination of ClimateWise but is broader on a regional level. This is a free voluntary program.
 - If we were to join this program, we would be joining the Colorado Green Business Network
 - Application and renewal every three years. Deadline is June 30th 2024.
 - Short annual reports are required
 - Three level rating system – points based in energy, water, waste & purchasing, transportation and policy
 - Opportunity to continue to demonstrate leadership on local and state level
 - Additional benefits through the CGBN
 - Grace - Any other universities participating? Might be the only higher ed but Stacey will check. Grace shared that several Impact MBA students have done fellowships with the CO Green Business Network. It has been a good partnership.
 - Stacey will need to reach out to some of us for more information but is happy to do the annual reporting for this program.
 - Joe Von Fischer – can PSC approve membership on behalf of CSU? Tonie shared that PSC will vote and pass the recommendation along to the President's Office. If PSC manages the reporting, we don't anticipate any concerns with joining.
 - PSC votes to join NoCo Biz Connect
 - In favor – 18
 - Opposed - 0
- Admin Meeting Update (Carol & Tonie)- 10 min
 - Met with Rico Munn, Brendon Hanlon, and Kyle Henley about our greenhouse gas inventory and STARS 3.0 report. Discussed trying to move the needle so we can retain platinum. Brendon asked us what it would take to create a path to platinum roadmap and we are now working on doing that. We will focus primarily on how this aligns with our climate action plan and retaining our national rankings in academics, research, investment, and engagement.
 - STARS 3.0 is coming out this May 2024.
 - Current STARS report is good until the end of 2025. To allow time to collect and organize data the new report, we would need to start it at the beginning of 2025.

- Hoping to have the document ready in June and we will share it with PSC and plan to dive in during our summer retreat. The document will balance ROI with staff time and budget needed to move the needle.
- Fleet Ratio Goal (Aaron Fodge) - 20 min
 - In Fall, the PSC Fleet Working Group wrapped up a deep dive of the CSU fleet and how to improve efficiency and STARS performance.
 - PSC approved the memo that the subcommittee wrote.
 - The working group is asking PSC to set a goal for the fleet. Ratio of vehicles electric/gas that CSU owns within our fleet. We are trying to reduce gas powered/overall number of vehicles and replacing them with electric or plug-in hybrid. It all has a financial ramification with it (i.e. upfront cost with long-term savings).
 - Several EVs were purchased through the PSC grant this year but no CSU departments retired an ICE vehicle without replacing it.
 - Farrah suggested putting out a bid for multiple vehicles at once rather than one at a time. Tonie asked if we can model out what it would look like if we retired a batch of vehicles and purchased 20 electric vehicles all at once?
 - Could target the rental fleet as a first step.
 - Isolate the heavier users/departments of vehicles.
 - Getting underused vehicles retired – will have to be policy to make this happen
 - Farrah - Or we could do a phased implementation and bid it out with the phases of vehicles.
 - Joe Von Fischer - Might CSU be eligible for state funding like this <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/fleet-zero>. Yes, we are eligible.
 - Mark Gokavi - It's not my expertise as my stories are outward facing, but it seems there needs to be an internal CSU push to "Protect the Platinum" status.
 - Aaron Fodge – next step is to ask Brendon to prioritize a policy; we will make this part of our STARS 3.0 Path to Platinum document.
- Earth Month Recap – 15 min
 - Thanks so much to everyone who hosted events and programs, we had a very impressive line-up!
 - Andrew- Not many people attended the bee workshop but need to find a better way to market the event. They are willing to do it again though! Maybe they will have it outside next year. Great engagement with the few folks who did attend though.
 - Aaron Fodge – They had lots of stakeholder engagements during their events. Almost 200 people were at the biking event and did an intercept outside the transit center. If there is a City planning effort that you can align with that might help.
 - Jessica- rain barrel workshop, great engagement with a couple of folks. Maybe stagger the workshops throughout the week instead of overlapping with Earth Day Festival and continue engagement the whole week.
 - Kirstie - Shoutout to the Rec Center who collected sneakers for recycling at the E-Waste and Compost Giveaway event. Great addition to the event!
 - Kirstie - CSU Earth Day Festival went great, all of our registrants showed up. We had around 37 booths from the community, colleges, student groups and departments.
 - PSC Milestones event – Wonderful celebration and great opportunity to celebrate achievements. Grace would like to know how we can solicit more nominations from the colleges as they weren't broadly represented.
 - Less time for the grant presentations limit slides or time limits.
 - The venue and catering were great, thank you Greg for booking our space!
- PSC Retreat and Summer Schedule – 10 min
 - Kirstie will send a Doodle poll out with the minutes from this meeting to schedule a summer retreat. We plan to take a hiatus for the August meeting.

- Member Updates – 15 min
 - Brian Dunbar – IBE is piloting the world’s first lifelong homes and communities certification. This certification is about creating a home that you can successfully age in. They are piloting in a neighborhood called Sonders in North Fort Collins. They are looking for more pilot programs – remodel an existing home or build a new home. It is like LEED. Are excited to implement it into more projects and teach people about it.
 - Previous story on Sonders: <https://chhs.source.colostate.edu/worlds-first-lifelong-homes-precertification-standard-developed-by-csu-institute-takes-shape-in-new-housing/>
 - Brian Dunbar - Sustainability wall is going to be installed in the LSC during the summer. Brian will share the final design with the group.
 - Stacey Baumgarn – Recognition and appreciation for the end of the year, especially the people in housing. A lot of work goes on throughout the year and within the last few weeks. We have so much to be proud of as an institution and it is all due to the work that you all are doing. Congrats to all of you for getting to the end of another semester!
 - Lynsey Bosch - Energy Institute is pursuing the purchase of a handful of the recycled turbine benches that we previously talked about! Maybe something for CSU to consider if outdoor spaces/seating is being planned for renovation in the future. <https://gocanvas.com/collections>