



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

Retreat Minutes  
January 13, 2022, 1:00-4:30 pm  
**Virtual Meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Tony Rappe, Bryn Hall, Grace Wright, Mark Paquette, Brian Dunbar, Mark Govaki, Julie Kallenberger, Janelle Beavers, Greg Lewis, Tonie Miyamoto, Kirstie Tedrick, Stacey Baumgarn, Carol Dollard, Anthony Appleton, Colleen Duncan, Mindy Hill, Aaron Fodge, Farrah Bustamante, Matt Wallenstein, Aleta Weller, Allison Vitt, Alicia Armentrout, Bill Timpson, Tim Brennan, Andrew Warnock, Ryan Scott, Tonie Miyamoto, Mary Liang, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Jarvis Choury, Ryan Scott, Sam Moccia, Jacob VanderRoest, Daniel McGrath, Jeff Muhs, Sybil Sharvelle.
2. Opening remarks from VP for Strategy Jenelle Beavers: 1:05-1:20pm
  - a. CST Plan will be presented to the Board of Governors the first week of February and then shared with campus community. Jenelle thanked everyone who took part in the working groups and/or provided feedback, there was a lot of engagement across the university! Sustainability is prominently featured and Jenelle provided some high-level inclusions and updates. PSC thanked Jenelle for collaborating with us throughout the process and expressed excitement about next steps.
3. Climate Action Plan Update from Carol: 1:20 – 1:35
  - a. The CAP update is going to happen in 2022. The CAP was created in part by the University's goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2040. Detailed tactics, costs and timelines are not included, not necessarily a plan or report. CSU signed ACUPCC in 2008 committing to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Administration agreed to accelerate the goal of carbon neutral to 2040 in Fall 2021.
  - b. There is already a team created to do the 2022 update.
  - c. Ask from PSC: please review the draft and pass it along to subject matter experts in your dept./college, for mark-up and comment, feedback on clarity of info, condensing goals, and inclusion of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Ideal deadline for feedback is February 18, 2022. Document will be added to the PSC Teams to live edit but feel free to email a marked-up version to Carol.
4. Updates on PSC Strategic Plan and STARS 2.2 process/timeline from Tonie
  - a. [https://green.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2021/05/2021-PSC-SUSTAINABILITY-STRATEGIC-PLAN\\_Final.pdf](https://green.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2021/05/2021-PSC-SUSTAINABILITY-STRATEGIC-PLAN_Final.pdf)
  - b. As CST rolls out, we will be adding that framework. Today we want to start to flag goals that may be in alignment to the CST.
  - c. STARS: add any changes to the strategic plan goals if there is new criteria/data points (2.1 criteria vs. 2.2 criteria): <https://stars.aashe.org/resources-support/technical-manual/>. And please flag any STARS credits that require action/support so we can get started on those.

5. The subcommittees had two breakout sessions and shared high-level goals:
  - a. Operations – working on rewriting the Environmentally and Socially Responsible Procurement Policy but trying to navigate how to enforce it and how to have the policy standardized across campus.
  - b. Academics & Research – now is the time to go big and propose a revision of the AUCC and Colorado GT pathways to incorporate the concepts and learning objectives for students. Why not have our goal be to incorporate sustainability curriculum for all students in Colorado through state standards? Subcommittee may divide Academics and Research into two different subcommittees.
  - c. Planning and Administration – Sustainability investment has had some dramatic improvements. Need to work on telling the story (Advancement) to the donor community so they know money is invested wisely. Living wage and affordable housing are still rising to the top and how PSC advocates and if there are specific metrics in CST that will align. Aleta shared that SoGES has some great success stories about interdisciplinary, cross-college sustainability research we can share.
  - d. Engagement – How to measure engagement with employees and students and how to talk about the successes and tell the story of sustainability at CSU. How to measure experiential learning and how it ties with the student experience at CSU.
  - e. Operations – add transportation issues and priorities to strategic plan with a modal split goal and tie it to the CST directly. Diamond status for Bike Friendly University may become next goal.
  
6. Next Steps and Close – 4-4:30pm
  - a. First week in Feb, the CST will go to the BOG
  - b. Strategic Plan will be uploaded onto Teams (for around 6-8 weeks) for new updates/edits from each subcommittee
  - c. CAP will be added to Teams for live edits. All edits to be completed by February 18<sup>th</sup>
  - d. STARS data collection has begun, and PSC members may be reaching out for metrics/information. Please let us know if you would like to be more part of the report.
  - e. February agenda, please let us know if you have any agenda items
  - f. PSC Sustainability Fund update: 7 different projects were awarded and are updated on [green.colostate.edu](https://green.colostate.edu). There is interest to have the fund available next year.
  - g. Additional funding for the Sustainability Curriculum grant was awarded thanks to Jenelle. Funded 7 proposals overall, three individual and four team grants. Working on the toolkit currently and might reach out for feedback to the PSC. Probably be live after this year's grants are wrapped up. <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/education-and-training/curriculum-innovation-grants/>
  - h. Air Travel Offset program will launch Feb 1. Announcement from Lynn Johnson and followed up with a SOURCE story. PDI session was done by Aaron and Carol this past week. Anyone who has a department that would like to know more about the program, Carol and Aaron can come do a presentation. <https://green.colostate.edu/air-travel-offset/>
  - i. Anthony - February 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom panel on Green Labs. It is starting to take off thanks to Stacey with all his hard work. Colleen Duncan and Tracy Webb will be on the panel. 4:30 – 6:00 zoom invite. February 8th, 2022 430-6pm Green Labs: Where Research Sustainability Meets Safety - REGISTER HERE: <https://womeninscienceci.colostate.edu/im-green-labs/>.
  - j. FYI Research Safety Culture and Research Analytics will be completing STARS credit AC9: Research & Scholarship