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

Agenda

December 9, 1:00-2:10 pm

Teams

Asuka Nosaka, Stacey Baumgarn, Lynsey Bosch, Time Brennan, Carol Dollard, Jake drenth, Biran Dunbar, Colleen Dunca, Aaron Fodge, Mindy Hill, Monica Latham, Mary Lian, Ryan Scott, Sybil Sharvelle, April Shelhon, Jacob VenderRoest, Andrew Warnock, Aleta Weller, Grace Wright

- **Welcome, Introductions, and Send-Off for Carol – All**

- Big thank you to Carol for her 25 years of service, her leadership on this Commission, and all that she has done to advance sustainability at CSU. SOURCE story:
<https://source.colostate.edu/legacy-of-light-solar-energy-champion-dollard-retiring-after-25-years-of-sustainability-success/>

- **Recap of UN Climate Change and Biodiversity Conferences - Aleta and Stacey**

- CSU has official observer status at these conferences and Aleta coordinates the CSU delegation passes.
- The Climate Conference hosts anywhere between 20k-25k people every day, with 75k total who go throughout, from over 196 countries. Around 100 different choices an hour on what you want to learn.
 - 2025 will be in Brazil and passes are expected to be limited again next year. There is an application on the SoGES site and questions can be sent to Aleta.
 - There are more passes available for the Biodiversity Conference.
- Recap:
 - Held in Baku, Azerbaijan. This is the largest global negotiation that happens at a conference. Some takeaways:
 - Results of politics, especially in the US, were discussed.
 - The US did not submit a national negotiation contribution at this time.
 - Lot of talk about nuclear expansion, methane, and financing.
 - Impactful reminders and stories from countries across the world that have shared how climate change is not only destroying their lands (rising waters, etc.) but also destroying their cultures and life as people.
- Stacey Baumgarn will be putting on a PDI in January around his experience.
- <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/un-climate-change-conference/>
- <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/un-biodiversity-convention/>

- **Follow-Up on Sustainability Fund - Mary**

- CSU Wood Co-Op: Heritage Arboretum for Tristan Design and the CO State Forest Services will process wood harvested at CSU to use on projects at CSU
 - Campus Wide E Micromobility and Charging Mobility Hub Plan: Goal is to learn how can CSU provide the necessary infrastructure for E-Mobility devices (scooters, bikes, etc.) for storage and charging.
 - Use of Hay Nets at Equine Center: Currently stallions are eating from ground. This group is asking for funding for hanging hay nets to eat. This can reduce food waste from 7% to 1%.
 - Come April, we will have more information on these projects when they present at the Annual Recognition and Milestones Event.
- **Update on Air Travel Incentive Student Group Presentations – Grace**
 - Grace provided a presentation on recap from students regarding their study around our Air Travel Incentives.
 - Note, the presentation will be sent at a later time when Grace is back from leave.
 - Students submitted around 70 pages of analysis documents and recommendations. CCU has a program designed to mitigate GHG emissions associated with its directly financed air travel. One new criteria with STARS is “Institutions provide incentive designed to encourage employees to reduce their air travel”. Students researched that the average number of paid CSU flights taken annually by employees is around 1.7 flights, which illustrates that employees are not travelling a lot. There are around 30 frequent flyers, who account for 5% of all CSU flights. It may be more impactful to engage frequent flyers rather than employees who fly once per year.
 - One group did a literature review and concluded that when it comes to travel, direct financial incentives largely have no impact. Environmental impact can be more persuasive.
 - Things to consider/findings: departments that form a communal budget for travel have less travel than departments that do individual budgets for travel.
 - Alternative travel considerations – Having events “close” to home can reduce travel. For example, Alternative Breaks have established more “local” areas to make an impact at a local level. This can be more accessible as well. Grace and Stacey have been also working loosely with International Programs on how to think of options to reduce travel for international students.
- **Update on Zero Waste Team paid labor model – Tonie**
 - Historically, the Zero Waste Team students were volunteers. This year, we have started to bring these students on board as staff members. Student Affairs Sustainability is serving as the home department and we currently have eight students on payroll with a goal of a dozen for spring semester.
 - Arysa Puckett, the Zero Waste President, is the student manager/supervisor for these students and Tonie is Arysa’s supervisor and advisor. Arysa oversees events and works with students for coverage at events like the Fall Address and Festival on the Oval. These two events were very successful in the new paid labor model. From here, we are working on more students to bring on board and already in conversation with Ram Welcome for next August (Carnival, Street Fair, and Breakfast) and HDS for the Move Out donation stations in May.
 - If you have any big events you would like to hire the Zero Waste Team for, reach out to Arysa (csuzerowasteteam@gmail.com or at Arysa.Puckett@colostate.edu) to request. Please work with Tonie to get connected with Arysa if you need assistance.
 - It is very exciting to transition to a living wage for these hard-working students!
- **Member updates – All**

- Grace:
 - District Energy Conversion Finance Work Group has first DEC 101 meeting today. Workgroup will officially kick off with charge from Brendan Hanlon in January. The workgroup continues to grow.
 - College of Business Faculty unanimously supported increase in the core requirement in Sustainable Business Curriculum.
- Stacey:
 - Terra Building at Spur Campus achieved LEED Gold Certification! Making it our 46th LEED Certified space across our campuses
 - Hydro building pending
 - Nutrien building pending
 - Freezer Update. The department of Ag Bio over this past fall had 9 lab groups that earned their My Green Labs Certification, which illustrate sustainability best practices in the lab. 17 certifications have now been earned across the university.
- Aaron:
 - Nov 16th CSU hosted a session on the Front Range Passenger Rail. Promotional video in chat: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJohBRcPPWA>
 - Alternative Transportation Advisory Board: Application open for programmatic submittals. <https://atfab.colostate.edu/>
- Mindy:
 - Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice was authorized!
 - Two workshops on Feb 24 and Feb 27 to help co-design our interdisciplinary seminar. If interested, please sign up: <https://forms.office.com/r/cUr1nNtUca>
- Tonie:
 - January 13th meeting is during winter break. If you have items, please send them to Tonie and Grace. If no items, we will cancel. Wishing everyone a great winter break!