



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

Agenda
March 10, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Teams

- **Welcome and Introductions – All (5 min)**
- **Academic Course Inventory Update – 5 min.**
 - STARS requires a report on all courses that are sustainability focused or inclusive of sustainability. For previous reports we sent out a survey to all faculty. This year, we worked with the curriculum management folks and a CoB professor developed a python query to match specific STARS keywords in the course titles, descriptions, and learning outcomes. The query resulted in a significantly larger list of courses than prior years and now Debbie, our STARS Fellow, is conducting a review to remove any false positives.
- **Committee and Work Group Updates - 10 min**
 - DEC Finance Work Group – Grace
 - This group has been meeting and moving forward to develop recommendations for the President's office regarding financing options for the District Energy Conversion. This 280-330 million dollar project will result in significant GHG reductions and annual utilities expenses for the university. Currently, this group is interviewing other universities who have gone through similar conversions, ranging from 2 to 15 years from start to finish. There will be upcoming meetings planned with the Department of Energy and CO Energy Office to explore loan and funding options. The next phase of the project starts in April. The working group acknowledges that this financing process does land on a hard time with budget cuts, etc.
 - Sustainable Event Planning Training and Events - Tonie
 - Sustainable Event Planning – February 12.
 - This kickoff training was well received!
 - Sustainable Transportation Training - March 27
 - Forwarded to PSC list
 - Sustainability in Plain Sight Tour – April 10
 - Included in Earth Month line-up
 - Zero Waste Event Strategies – May 7
 - There has been growing Zero Waste Team Booking Interest across CSU and we now have an online booking inquiry at <https://studentaffairs.colostate.edu/book-zero-waste-team/>.

- Sustainable Menu Planning – TBD for June
 - Still working on certification process
- **EV Grant \$ still available; deadline is April 15**
 - This grant program facilitates ice vehicle retirements and EV Purchases
 - \$2000 cash incentive to retire ice vehicles
 - \$5000 for EV purchases
 - Several departments have utilized the \$5000 grant to purchase EVs and we have had three ICE vehicles retired so far this year.
 - Fleet Management has ordered the first two EVs available for check out.
 - Type: SUVs that can seat 5 people!
 - This is also a great opportunity for fleet mechanics to learn how to service EVs
 - Our goal this year is to have zero dollars remaining in this grant program so please keep sending in requests!
- **Earth Month – 10 min (Tonie & Grace)**
 - Lineup: Not everything is in yet, but the line-up is coming together: [Earth Month - Green @ CSU](#)
 - Earth Month events due March 19
 - Earth Day Registration due April 18th
 - <https://conferencereg.colostate.edu/Registration/Welcome.aspx?e=D27061827F2D64EB1FFC775C8589418E>
 - NR Days: [Natural Resources Days: April 14-April 25, 2025 - Warner College of Natural Resources](#)
 - Nominations due March 26 for PSC Milestones and Recognition Event – Grace
 - Each year, the President’s Sustainability Commission hosts the CSU Sustainability Milestones and Recognition Event to celebrate the achievements of our campus community in advancing sustainability. This year’s event will take place on April 24, and we are now accepting nominations to recognize individuals, teams, and initiatives that have made significant contributions to sustainability at CSU. We will also highlight major sustainability awards and achievements from the past year.
 - Examples of nominations include:
 - New sustainability initiatives, research, and curriculum
 - Significant milestones or goal achievements
 - Projects enhancing sustainability in operations or engagement
 - Student groups or interdisciplinary teams leading impactful work
 - Lifetime achievement for long-term contributions to sustainability at CSU
 - If you know something that deserves recognition, submit your nomination by 3/26: [Nomination for CSU Sustainability Milestones and Recognitions - Green @ CSU](#)
- **Member updates – All (30 min)**
 - Tonie shared and invitation and appreciation for creating space to share impacts and support one another amidst a lot of change and challenge in our work around sustainability this year.

- CSU Transportation Updates (Aaron Fodge):
 - CSU has earned an accreditation in transportation: [CSU earns one of nation's first Transportation Demand Management accreditations](#)
 - Phemister Trail- Funded through a grant along with student fee allocation is underway. This trail goes from the Prospect underpass and through the Horticulture Center into the north entrance of the Gardens at Spring Creek.
 - Appreciation for the Environmental Justice Curriculum Development process with Environmental Justice Center, thank you!