



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

Minutes

August 20th, 1:00-2:30 pm

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs – Co-Chair of PSC
Stacey Baumgarn – Classified Personnel Council
Rick Novak – Administrative Professional Council
Travis Croft – Facilities Management
Megan Carp – CSU Hillel
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Kirstie Tedrick – Housing and Dining Services
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Andrea Fairfield – ASCSU Environmental Affairs
Gina McCrackin – ASCSU Environmental Affairs
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Stephanie Malin – College of Liberal Arts
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Mary Guiden – External Relations
Jocelyn Hittle – CSU System
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
John Fitch - Morgan Libraries
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Ashley Carlisle – STARS Intern
Aaron Fodge – Parking & Transportation Services
Monica Latham – Morgan Library
Shelby Sack - College of Business, Global Social & Sustainable Enterprise
Jessica Davis – College of Agricultural Sciences
Dan McGrath – Warner College of Natural Resources
Chris Giglio – Environmental Health Services
Jeff Muhs – Energy Institute
Oliva Bruce – Student Sustainability Center
Nevan Mandel - Student Sustainability Center
Lynn Johnson – Vice President for University Operations
Dr. Tony Frank – CSU President

1. Living Wage Proposal

- a. Lynn announced that she has received approval to move forward with Living Wage proposal, which will move salaries of employees making less than \$30,000/year to a base salary of \$30,000/year.
- b. Employees primarily effected by this proposal are Custodial and Dining Services staff.
- c. Compression issues were evaluated within this proposal. Employee make voluntarily opt out of the process if a salary of \$30,000 will exclude them from community resources they may depend on.
- d. The proposal will be effective on September paychecks.

2. President's Sustainability Commission – Year in Review and FY19 Goal Setting

- a. Tonie and Carol gave a presentation that highlighted major achievements of the PSC in the last year. These achievements include (but are not limited to) –
 - i. Draft of Institutional Learning Outcomes
 - ii. Sustainability Assessment Survey
 - iii. Game Day Composting and Alternative Transportation
 - iv. 100% Renewable Electricity RFP
 - v. Pollinator Friendly Campus
 - vi. Awards including Hazon Seal of Sustainability for CSU Hillel, Presidential Chair in Energy Innovation for Bryan Willson, and several more.
- b. The work of the PSC was also shared on a poster presented at NACUBO, which highlighted the overlap between Economics, Social Justice, and Environment. This poster will be updated with new initiatives and programs on the green.colostate.edu website.
 - i. NACUBO campus efficiencies posters from other universities can be viewed [here](#).
- c. Looking ahead, the PSC intends to focus on the following initiatives -
 - i. Announce the work, objectives, membership etc. of the Commission to the large campus community
 - ii. Support the sustainability learning outcomes process
 - iii. Endorse a new standard for recycling, composting, and waste on campus.
 - iv. Green the fleet with a new Fleet Manager
 - v. Assess efficiencies that can be made within the Integrated Pest Management Plan
 - vi. Support Land Acknowledgement language into campus community
- d. TH PSC will also complete a STARS 2.2 report. The new reporting version will be available in October 2018 and the Sierra Club and Princeton Review will accept any STARS report within 3 years.
 - i. Lynn asked if there were low-scoring categories that could be enhanced with administrative support. The Operations category of the report is generally the lowest overall category as requirements for full points in some sections are unrealistically high (LEED Platinum certifications for all buildings, 100% electric vehicles in fleet, etc.)
 - ii. The Moby Geothermal project and the 100% Renewable RFP will have big impacts on the overall Operations score.
 - iii. Sustainability-related intentional learning outcomes is the only area within the Academics where additional points can be earned.
 - iv. Green investments is also a lower-scoring area.
- e. Dr. Frank expressed to the PSC that he hopes members feel valued and empowered to ask for support from Administration, if needed. He applauded the work of the Commission and urged the group to keep moving forward as there “is no substitute for staying engaged”.

3. Updates from Members

Gina McCrackin – ASCSU has several upcoming projects and goals for the next year, including the installation of Dyson air blades in library bathrooms to reduce energy consumption.

Olivia Bruce – The Student Sustainability Center will be working on updating the nitrogen footprint and a program to offer localized offset for alternative transportation use. The SSC is also studying the environmental impacts of textile recycling.

Shelby Sack – The College of Business will soon expand the Global Social & Sustainable Enterprise MBA to include an interdisciplinary MBA to work on climate change issues.

Tim Broderick – The EcoLeaders are back on campus and Tim will be working to engage these students in many sustainability related events and programs.

John Fitch – There is interest in the Library to retrofit the building and a Dean or Associate Dean will lead this effort. The Library is also forming a small sustainability committee, similar to the PSC.

Andrea Fairfield – ASCSU will also host the Zero Waste Symposium this year and is working to engage the LSC in front of house composting efforts. Andrea is also interested in completing a sprinkler audit on Main Campus.

Travis Croft – Travis is the new sustainability intern at Facilities Management and he will be working on the University's Greenhouse Gas Report.

Mark Ritschard – The College of Engineering is looking forward to a replacement of the Glover Building.

Rick Novak – The Administrative Professional Council actively discusses sustainability initiatives and Rick will serve as the APC liaison to the PSC.

Aleta Weller – Nominations and applications are being accepted for observer status at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Poland this fall. Three observer spaces are available for CSU faculty and staff and applications are due to Aleta on August 31st. SoGES will also soon host an event focused on how to package stories for journalists. And, Aleta is working on providing networking opportunities for “hungry factually” to partner research work.

Julie Kallenberger – The Water Center is offering a new 100-level course titled [“Water Sustainability in the Western U.S.”](#)

Stacey Baumgarn – CSU will host and [education day](#) for the Colorado Chapter of the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I2SL) next week (Tuesday, 8/28). The sessions will focus on sustainable laboratories and will include tours of Chemistry Research and the Translational Medical Institute on South Campus. Stacey has spaces available so contact him if you are interested in attending.

Mary Guiden – *Forbes Magazine* will soon release an issue focused on Sustainability in Higher Education and Carol, Peter Backlund, and others from CSU were interviewed.

Stephanie Malin – The Environmental Justice Symposium recently held was very successful and now, Stephanie is looking to expand Environmental Justice efforts into becoming a center on campus.

Jessica Davis – The renovation of Shepardson building will kickoff soon and faculty and staff are looking forward to a new facility that both celebrates the history of agriculture at CSU as well as promotes new technologies and futures within agriculture.

Colleen Duncan – CVMBS submitted a proposal to Innovate Fort Collins to engage campus in HEART, Healthy Environments through Activity and Responsible Transportation. The [public pitch night](#) is scheduled for August 30th at 5:30 pm at the Lincoln Center.

Monica Latham – The Library is working on lighting and blind replacement projects and Monica is also accepting proposals for lunch and learn topics at the Library.

Dan McGrath – Dan encouraged everyone to swing by the new Michael Smith Addition to the Warner College of Natural Resources Building. The addition is LEED Silver and has many sustainability features including solar tubes, a green wall, etc.

Andrew Warnock – Andrew has been working with Jocelyn on the National Western Center Water Resources Center, which will be a compelling project.

Sheela Backen – Sheela is working to expand the educational components of composting throughout the university. Composting will expand to the trash bins areas outside of residence halls and academic or administrative buildings can request compost bins for breakrooms if there is a staff member committed to washing the bin weekly.

Aaron Fodge – Erika Benti, in Parking & Transportation Services, was recently named an Emerging Leader in Transportation.

Chris Giglio – The Laboratory Safety Institute will be hosting a [two day Lab Safety Short Course](#) next week and Chris highly recommended the course. The course is ideal for researchers, science professors, lab managers, etc.

Jake Drenth – Surplus Property will soon undergo a small remodel for user friendliness. And, the Spoke just recently hired its first female mechanic.

Jocelyn Hittle – In the coming months, Jocelyn would like to schedule time at a PSC meeting (or an independent PSC meeting) to review the design of the National Western Center with the design team. More details about that meeting will come soon.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 17th, 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104