

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

April 20th, 2015, 1:00-2:30 pm

LSC Grey Rock Room

Members Present: Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences, Education and Outreach
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate Student Council
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Ann Bohm – Small – Administrative Professional Council
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Doug Max – Athletics
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Andrew Oringer – ASCSU
Bill Timson – College of Natural Sciences
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Farrah Bustamante – Procurement Services

1. Celebration of STARS Platinum!

- a. CSU is the first STARS Platinum University.
- b. CSU's STARS score is 85.29. (85 is cut off for Platinum)
- c. An anonymous user has challenged a few items in CSU's STARS report and AASHE has come to CSU's defense.
- d. The news of Platinum has been successful in social media outlets.
- e. Faculty have shared that they are challenged about how to incorporate the STARS model into their courses.
- f. Pending approval of PSC's FY16 Budget Request to Amy Parsons, there are options to engage faculty in the incorporation of sustainability into courses.
- g. CSU representatives have been invited to the 2015 AASHE Conference to speak about the challenges of submitting a Platinum-level report.
- h. The STARS score is valid for three years from submission.
- i. STARS will release a new version of the system in the future.

2. CSU is #12 on Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges list

- a. CSU has been ranked #12 on the Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Colleges list, which is the first time CSU has ranked so high on their list.
- b. STARS Platinum report will be used as a base for future submissions to Princeton Review.

3. Green Ribbon Schools Update

- a. CSU has been selected as one of 9 universities as the inaugural Green Ribbon Schools in Higher Education.
- b. There will be an award acceptance ceremony in Washington D.C. this summer.
- c. The award can never be won again.

4. Board of Governors STARS Presentation - May 8

- a. Tonie and shared her presentation that she will give to the Board of Governors in May.
- b. The presentation outlines the STARS submission process and gives more details about CSU's score.

5. Review of Earth Week Agenda

April 20:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Carpool to Coffee – (Lot 240 and 505)
- 2:00 pm-2:00 pm: Sustainability Futures Fair (LSC Ballroom A & B)
- 6:00 pm-8:00 pm: ASCSU Green Grocery Shopping (King Soopers on Elizabeth and Taft Hill)

April 21:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Bus to Breakfast Bars – (Transit Center)
- 11:30 am-2:00 pm: Dining Plate Waste Audit (Braiden, Corbett/Parmalee, Durrell, Ram's Horn)
- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm: ASCSU Sustainable Movie Night (LSC 204)

April 22:

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Earth Day Festival & Alternative Transportation Fair (LSC West Sculpture Garden)
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 –Tree Campus USA Planting Ceremony (Danforth Chapel)
- 4:00pm-5:00 pm: SoGES Public Land GCRT Symposium (LSC Greyrock Room)

April 23:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Bike to Breakfast – (University Avenue outside of Natural Resources)
- 9:30 am-5:00 pm: SoGES Public Land GCRT Symposium (LSC Rooms 382)
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Longboard to Lunch – (Meridian and University)
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Earth, Sun, and Fire Tour (solar array, composter, and biomass boiler on Foothills Campus)
- 5:30 pm-6:30 pm: Women, Population, and Environment with SoGES Environmental Justice GCRT panel discussion (Avo's)
- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm: ASCSU Sustainable Movie Night (LSC 204)

April 24

- 8:30 am-10:30 am – ASCSU Bring your Own Cup Event (LSC Sweet Sensations, Morgan's Grind, BSB Sweet Temptations)
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Compost Giveaway and Ewaste Collection (Moby Parking Lot)
- 2:30 pm-5:30 pm: SoGES Biodiversity Working Group Workshop "Pollinator Landscaping for Urban Sustainability" (Fort Collins Old Town Library)

April 25

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm: CSUnity

6. LEED Platinum Certification for Pavilion

- a. The Pavilion at Laurel Village has just received a LEED platinum certification.
- b. Tim gave a brief presentation about The Pavilion and its sustainable features, including the bike repair shop, dedicated Eco Leaders space, katabatic tower, green wall, and more.

7. Updates from Members

Aaron Fodge – Aaron is working on a grant to provide two more electric vehicle charging stations in the Lake Street Parking Garage. The Research Drive Parking Lot will be EV ready, meaning charging stations can be easily installed. To increase EV turnover, Aaron is also working to develop a policy about how long EVs can stay charging.

Jake Drenth – The Tent Sale is scheduled for June 20th and 21st at Surplus Property. Volunteers receive coupons to use at the sale. Jake is looking for temporary staff for the sale. Some of the profit from the sale will go towards the Eco Leaders program.

Brian Dunbar – The Institute for the Built Environment has submitted a grant application for Fort Collins to be recognized as an Eco-District. An Eco-District can be a city or a neighborhood and is evaluated on 6 performance areas. This effort is being conducted in tandem with the City of Fort Collins. Brian will share more details as the process moves along.

Tonie Miyamoto – Tonie and Carol will soon meet with Amy Parsons to discuss the outcome of the PSC's FY16 funding request. Part of the request will go towards funding a PhD. fellow to complete future STARS applications.

Next Meeting – Monday, May 18th 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104