



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

Minutes

April 19, 2021, 1:00-2:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

1. Introductions – 5 minutes

Tonie Miyamoto, Carol Dollard, Andrew Warnock, Anthony Appleton, Stacey Baumgarn, Mary Liang, Sophia Shepp, Sheela Backen, Mark Paquette, Zahra Al-Saloom, Jennifer Wright, Rodolfo Valdes, Peter Backlund, Sybil Sharvelle, Ryan Scott, Greg Lewis, Brian Dunbar, Bill Timpson, Tony Rappe, Aaron Fodge, Dan McGrath, Mary Guiden, Farrah Bustamante, Tim Brennan, Cinque Mason, Shelby Sack, Alicia Armentrout, Allison Vitt, Kirstie Tedrick

2. Earth Month – 5 minutes

- Visit <https://green.colostate.edu/earth-month/> to see all the virtual events this year
- Another Source article is scheduled to go out on Earth Month events later this week
- Only in person event is the Compost Giveaway. This event will be held in the Moby parking lot Friday from 11:00 – 1:00. Each person can take 2x2-gallon buckets of compost but need to bring their own shovels.
- New videos have been added to the Earth Month website including a student-made video featuring the seed-to-table program at the Horticulture Center. Abby Lathrop-Melting is the intern who runs the program and started her time at CSU as an Eco Leader who has stayed with sustainability for all four years at CSU. She organized a practicum program and created a program to donate excess produce to Foco Café. She is currently branching out to other produce including herbs, tomatoes and strawberries.
- For Earth Month, it is not too late to join the CSU Employee Community Group: [//www.shiftfoco.com/community-group/join/8712](http://www.shiftfoco.com/community-group/join/8712). This is a City of Fort Collins initiative to help us all reduce our carbon footprint. Join us and make a Shift!
- Solar project is starting this week at Laurel Village. This is the first of 21 sites and next up will be the Equine Hospital then the parking garage over by Pitkin and College. It will take 15 months to complete all the new solar. The 21 sites will successfully double the total amount of sites of solar on campus. Capacity is almost doubled.
- #CSUEarthDayEverywhere use this hashtag for social media

3. 2021 Goals from Subcommittees – 45 minutes

- Carol – we are in the process of proposing to accelerate our climate action goals. These goals were written in 2010 to be carbon neutral by 2050. We have approached administration to have it changed to 2040 instead. Have not heard back yet to officially change our goal. To achieve this goal, we will continue doing what we have been doing but faster. We reexamine the CAP every two years.
- Academic and Research Subcommittee:
 - We will continue working with every college to achieve a sustainability learning outcome at the college level.
 - Continue the grant program and work to grow/increase the amount of funding available.
 - Promote research best practices.
- Administration and Planning Subcommittee:

- Looking for funding opportunities that are available.
 - Advance sustainability investments/buying opportunities, continue the Sustainability Fund from PSC since it was very successful this past year.
 - Explore WELL health-safety rating this year. Student fee possibilities including transportation and building fees. We will continue to support any student fees students propose.
 - Continue with living wages and affordable housing.
 - Collaborate with campus partners to include more social and environmental justice.
 - New goal to partner with CSU System Partners to tell the sustainability story at the system level.
 - Engagement Subcommittee:
 - Creation of an employee engagement program at CSU.
 - Goals related to infusing sustainability best practices engagement (i.e. Ram Welcome partnership to have the events be more sustainable).
 - Continue student support in engagement efforts as well.
 - Operation Subcommittee:
 - Energy and water, building and infrastructure: improve building design standards. Implement more communication and education on current initiatives going on.
 - Windrow composting expansion.
 - Green Cleaning policy team created to work on current policies.
 - Embodied carbon: new goal to incorporate it into purchasing decisions.
 - Sustainable food purchasing – include carbon and nitrogen footprints.
4. Updates from Members – 25 minutes
- Sheela – Received both grants for the windrow expansion. First one is to expand the pond and will start May 1st.
 - Jocelyn – SPUR topping out ceremony will be going on 4/20. Final name will be placed on the Terra building. Currently working on bringing on General Manager for the three facilities. Will connect with PSC and the City Fort Collins. The buildings will be open in January in time for the Western Stock show. Opening of the buildings will be a three-week process.
 - Brian Dunbar – Saturday or Sunday turn on Rocky Mountain PBS new program Heart of a Building. What makes people want to go above and beyond normal building and go more sustainable? IBE was invited to capture the stories and create the documentaries.
 - Aaron Fodge – Wrapped up two grants for trail expansion project and bike pedestrian wayfinding, installed over 13 wayfinding posts. Teleworking policy work is still going through edits.
 - Carol - Shout out to Shelby and Impact MBA folks. Carol is getting a MBA student intern who will be helping with documentation to STARS and she will be a huge asset. Toured the Temple Grandin Equine Center with autistic grandson and the opportunities they have for engagement and accessibility is amazing.
 - Stacey - Here is a link to a newly released map from the City of Fort Collins - reflecting the Building Energy & Water Disclosure Ordinance participation. CSU is a voluntary participant so you will see most of our buildings that are larger than 5,000 gross square feet. The map is still being built so there may be updates and edits still happening. But, if you want to look at the building you work in, it might be here. If you have any questions, let me know. Here is the link: <http://maps.touchstonebenchmarking.com/fortcollins/>, How much energy and water we use.
 - Mary Liang – Past semester we launched a sustainability campaign in the Apartment communities in partnership with IBE, focused on Healthy Homes and hope to continue it. Environmental Eats in person events during the year were a large success. Most students have elected to leave the halls for the semester with a few halls remaining open. Condensed move-out donation program partnered with ChairTableHome LLC. Collected donations for Homeward Alliance and other non-profits and charities in Fort Collins. We also collected bikes for a program with the City.
 - Tonie – Our May meeting will be focused on the four projects that received funding through the CSU Sustainability Fund to give updates. Monday after finals ends is our next meeting and we will determine

June and July meetings then. New folks can join the subcommittees listed on green.colostate.edu. We are always looking for subject matter experts to join any of our subcommittees.