



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

Minutes

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm

Michael Smith Natural Resources Building – Room 345

**Members (and guests) present:**

Tonie Miyamoto – Co-Chair of PSC – Vice President for Student Affairs  
Anthony Appleton – Office of the Vice President for Research / guest  
Stacey Baumgarn – Classified Personnel Council / Facilities Management  
Tim Brennan – Office of the Vice President for Diversity  
Oliva Bruce – Student Sustainability Center  
Farrah Bustamante – VPUO / Procurement Services  
Ashley Carlisle – PSC Graduate Student Assistant / STARS Intern  
Jake Drenth – VPUO / Surplus Property  
John Fitch – Vice President for Information Technology / CSU Libraries  
Aaron Fodge – VPUO / Parking and Transportation Services  
Chris Giglio – Environmental Health & Safety  
Debra Horensky – Office of the Vice President for Research  
Julie Kallenberger – Colorado Water Center  
Monica Latham – Vice President for Information Technology / CSU Libraries  
Margarita Lenk – Faculty Council / College of Business  
Dale Lockwood – School of Global Environmental Sustainability  
Stephanie Malin – College of Liberal Arts / Sociology  
Rick Novak – Administrative Professional Council  
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences / Chemistry  
Kirstie Tedrick – Vice President for Student Affairs / HDS, Sustainability  
Bill Timpson – College of Health & Human Science / Education  
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences / Education and Outreach

**1. Introductions and welcome**

**2. Announcements**

- a. Call for Proposals for the [2019 AASHE Conference](#) (October 27-30, 2019 in Spokane, WA) is now open. Deadline is March 8, 2019. Has anyone submitted or planned a CSU proposal? HDS is planning to submit an Eco Leader independent projects. Idea suggested: to have a submittal related to CSU's Pollinator Friendly Campus Committee accomplishments. Jake shared that he may submit for a Surplus related proposal. Please notify Tonie Miyamoto with other ideas. Would be great to have faculty representation and involvement
- b. The PSC was asked to have an interactive booth at the 1870 Dinner to be held Feb. 9, 2019. Table runners and stand-up banners have been designed and ordered. Four volunteers will represent the PSC; Tonie Miyamoto (PSC), Margarita Lenk (faculty), Ashley Carlisle (student), and Stacey Baumgarn (staff). The table will feature sustainability highlights, accomplishments, and engage attendees to test themselves on recycling and waste sorting skills!

- c. The PSC is seeking a volunteer to provide administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Tonie Miyamoto. Thank you to Tim Brennan for volunteering to fill the PSC Treasurer role!

### 3. STARS 2.2 Launch

Version 2.2 of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System ([STARS](#)) is expected to be officially launched this spring. PSC, on behalf of CSU, is planning to submit an updated STARS report utilizing version 2.2 mid-to-late fall, 2019. Preliminary data collection is kicking off now. This will be CSU's fifth STARS report.

STARS measures sustainability performance in four broad categories: *Academics (Curriculum and Research)*, *Engagement (Campus and Public)*, *Operations*, and *Planning & Administration*. Across those categories, and including *Institutional Characteristics* and *Innovation & Leadership*, there are 69 "credits". Completing a comprehensive 2.2 report will require responses to over 1,000 unique questions. In preparation for this:

- a. Lynn Johnson, Vice President for University Operations, will be giving a heads-up to the CSU President's Cabinet that data collection is beginning. As members of the PSC will be seeking information and support, enabling a comprehensive collection of data and representation from all sections of the university – the PSC will be seeking broad participation and collaboration from all campus stakeholders
- b. To accomplish our mid-fall reporting "deadline", data collection has already started! For example, (agenda item 3.e.) members of PSC representing each College have been asked to help review a list of undergraduate and graduate majors, minors, and certificates focused on sustainability (PSC members will receive reminder email by 1-30-19)
  - AASHE (the creator and administrator of STARS) is introducing an External Reporting Assurance credit with version 2.2. Reports earn extra points when they have gone through a third-party review prior to submittal to AASHE. Third-party review can either be hired or performed in conjunction with two other institutions through a peer-to-peer review process. After much discussion, **it is preferred by PSC members to hire a professional / independent third-party reviewer**. While the intention of peer-to-peer is appreciated, the time, effort, and potential for inconsistent evaluation is high. Co-Chairs Miyamoto and Dollard will prepare a funding request for independent third-party review of our 2.2 report
- c. Setting a goal for CSU's STARS version 2.2 submittal. CSU was the first institution in the world to achieve a Platinum rating in 2015 (STARS version 2.0). CSU repeated as Platinum in 2017 (STARS version 2.1). CSU is the only institution to achieve a Platinum rating twice. What goals should PSC and CSU set to achieve for our 2.2 report?
  - There are currently five institutions with a Platinum rating (including CSU). Should the goal for our 2.2 report be; Platinum, a numeric goal, highest score (yet achieved)?
  - Following brief discussion, **a motion was made by John Fitch with a second by Margarita Lenk to set a goal for CSU to achieve a Platinum rating under STARS version 2.2. Unanimously approved**
  - Further discussion included: it is important to maintain our rating achievement of Platinum. A stretch goal could include achieving the highest U.S. score ever – which is possible – with the implementation of new initiatives, support, and collaboration from all parts of the institution
  - Tonie and Carol will share this goal with Lynn (including the PSC stretch goal) to communicate with Cabinet
  - The STARS core team will review the credit areas with the most opportunity for improvement (from our 2.1 report) and remind the PSC and Lynn of these areas

- d. STARS Team. Previous STARS reports have been compiled by a small core team. If any members of the PSC would like to join this group and contribute to the completion of our STARS 2.2 report, please notify Tonie. This is a voluntary role. It will involve extra work. But, it is fun to be in the mix! The existing team is: Tonie Miyamoto, Carol Dollard, Kirstie Tedrick, Ashley Carlisle, Nik Olsen, and Stacey Baumgarn

#### 4. Updates to Green.Colostate.edu

This collection of webpages attempts to cover, highlight, and link the sustainability initiatives and activities from across the institution. If you have not visited these pages before, you might want to start at the overview page – <https://green.colostate.edu/overview/>

- a. Ashley Carlisle clicked the PSC through new *Intersectionality* page and corresponding links: <https://green.colostate.edu/intersectionality/>. Following robust discussion, it was determined to change the title of the page to: Integration of Environment and Economic/Social Injustice (updates to be made by 1-30-19). This page intends to help both introduce and express the interrelationship / interconnectedness / integration among the concepts and practices of environment, economics, and social justice. If members have pictures, additions, or edits for this page, please email Ashley at [Ashley.Carlisle@colostate.edu](mailto:Ashley.Carlisle@colostate.edu)
- b. Sustainability Resource Guides (topic moved to February agenda)
- c. If other updates are noted / needed to any of the webpages on Green.Colostate.edu – please email Ashley with the suggestion and information

#### 5. Dream Campus Sustainability Model

This topic was introduced by Co-chair Miyamoto however, due to time constraints, this topic and discussion has been moved to the February agenda.

- a. With a new President coming soon, what is our vision for campus sustainability? Topics of conversation to explore: what is our vision for sustainability at CSU? What are the sustainability related priorities of the institution, the PSC, etc.?
  - Future agenda item suggested: revisit and discuss CSU Building Standards – aspects related to and inclusive of sustainability considerations
- b. Which sustainability model(s) from other campuses work best? Topics of conversation to explore: should CSU have a central office of sustainability as the other STARS Platinum institutions do? Continue with our de-centralized but highly collaborative approach? Work as “volunteers” or as/with professional sustainability staff?

#### 6. Updates from members

- Aaron Fodge: Inclusivity Standards (previously discussed and supported by PSC) have been approved by the CSU Master Plan Committee
- Tim Brennan: the Vice President for Diversity has added compost collection in their office
- Kirstie Tedrick: The Eco Leaders in the halls and Aggie Village had their first meeting of the semester – and are off to a great start
  - [RecycleMania](#) officially starts Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and runs for eight weeks
  - Curious how to Recycle Right? Play the **Zero Waste Sorting Game** at: <http://zerowastegame.colostate.edu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>
  - Or visit [https://www.fm.colostate.edu/sites/default/files/sustain/Recycle\\_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.fm.colostate.edu/sites/default/files/sustain/Recycle_Guidelines.pdf)
- Olivia Bruce: The [Student Sustainability Center](#) kicks off spring semester meetings on 2-4-19
- Julie Kallenberger: Tickets still available for the Poudre River Forum to be held Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Margarita Lenk: the [Presidential Search](#) process is underway and going well!
- Stacey Baumgarn: Welcome to Anthony Appleton – CSU’s new Research Safety Culture Coordinator

### **Participate! Dates and upcoming events**

- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – 12-1 pm – Plastics in Perspective – a Morgan Library Sustainability Committee Lunch-n-Learn. Featuring Dr. Tony Rappe
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 pm at Avo’s – [Managing the Planet Series – Drones for Sustainability?](#)
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 12-1 pm [CSU Strategic Plan Forum](#) – LSC Grey Rock Room. Interested in the future direction of CSU (and sustainability) – let your voice be heard
- March 7<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30 pm – [Katharine Hayhoe](#): “Mitigate, Adapt–or Suffer: Connecting Global Change to Local Impacts and Solutions” FREE ADMISSION: TICKET REQUIRED
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – [SoGES 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium](#)
- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Recognizing [World Water Day](#), The SSC is partnering with the Colorado Water Center to host a film screening, [Water & Power](#) at the Lyric Cinema
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – 12-1 pm – 10 Years of Solar Energy @ CSU – a Morgan Library Sustainability Committee Lunch-n-Learn. Featuring Carol Dollard
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – The CSU [Environmental Justice Working Group](#) is hosting a film screening – more details coming soon
- April 22-26 – CSU 2019 Earth Week – schedule of events (so far, if you have more to add, please contact Tonie Miyamoto)
  - April 21 – Banjo Festival on Campus (Zero Waste Team)
  - April 22 – Earth Day Festival (PSC)
  - April 23 – Composting and solar array tour (Zero Waste Team, CSU Facilities, and HDS)
  - April 24 – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Solar Panels on Campus and PSC Recognition Event (PSC)
  - April 25 – Trashion Show and Clothing Swap (Zero Waste Team)
  - April 26 – E-Waste Collection and Compost Giveaway (CSU Facilities, HDS, and Surplus Property)

Other sustainability related events and activities can also be found in these places:

- SoGES Event Calendar <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/events/2019-02/>
- Consider subscribing to the Student Sustainability Center [Green Bulletin](#). Click on “Sign up for the Green Bulletin” – the Green Bulletin is a great resource for events and activities for you, for students, and the community

**Meeting adjourned**