



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

Minutes  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Virtual Meeting**

1. Introductions – 5 min

Tony Rappe, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Greg Lewis, Sybil Sharvelle, Mary Liang, Adam Vance, Matt Wallenstein, Stacey Baumgarn, Mark Gokavi, Ryan Scott, Tim Brennan, Brian Dunbar, Anthony Appleton, Jacob VanderRoest, Aleta Weller, Julie Kallenberger, Aaron Fodge, Sheela Backen, Carol Dollard, Tonie Miyamoto, Kirstie Tedrick

2. [Princeton Review Green Honor Roll](#) and [10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tree Campus USA](#) – 2 min

- This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of having a perfect score on Princeton. Shoutout to Fred Haberecht and the grounds crew for a decade of hard work for the Tree Campus USA designation.

3. Sustainability Button on CSU Homepage – 3 min

- There is now a sustainability button on the CSU homepage under “About Colorado State” which links to our [green.colostate.edu](http://green.colostate.edu) website. Congrats to PSC for our hard work to maintain and update the website to showcase all the great sustainability initiatives, engagement, research and more at CSU!

4. CST Sustainability Goals Update – 15 min

- Shared updated goals from the CST Sustainability drafting group. The CST drafting groups will be meeting with a few more constituencies across campus including student leaders and IBE. There is still opportunity to submit a survey or reach out directly to Karen Estland. Next draft is due next month so it is a great time to still provide feedback. Also - join other CST Open Forum sessions <https://courageous.colostate.edu/open-fora/>.

5. 2022 Earth Month Planning – 30 minutes

- Start Earth Month last week of March and go into May, tentatively March 28<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> (end before finals). Would like to incorporate more indigenous perspectives, voices and sessions into Earth Month.
- Adam – Working with the city on the shift FOCO platform. Would like a focus on environmental justice, or injustice platform for community members (video of these folks sharing their story). After each video, a contact, resources, or information can be shared. Start the following week after Spring Break (ASCSU). They will have 6 topics to cover. He would like to have 2-3 guest speakers each week, possibly in-person but also virtually.
- Stacey - One existing film (it is a one-hour film), specific to FC, Fort Collins - The Choice City for Whom? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGUVTZ7nCfc>
- Carol - Theme: I like indigenous & BIPOC, but I also would like a "healing" theme as we come out of the pandemic.
- Julie – World Water Day – ground water is the theme (March 22, 2022). Partnering with Hydrology Days April 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Celebration of Water 22 (100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Colorado Impacts).

- Tonie – Food security would be a good theme and the pantry will be in full operation by then. We can partner with Rams Against Hunger and connect with Albert Bimper as a follow-up to his role hosting some sessions with Natash Bowen, author of The Color of Food.
  - Kirstie – Will plan the Earth Day Festival for Wednesday (April 20<sup>th</sup>) and Thurs/Fri as potential rain dates.
  - Carol – Walkaround on-campus solar and Geoexchange tour. Add in bike infrastructure as well with PTS.
  - Anthony Appleton - The Lamborghini of Poultry <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/chicken-breed-boasts-black-bones-muscles-and-organs-180973179/>
6. PSC Microsoft Teams Update – 5 min
- PSC has many subcommittees and working groups, so Stacey took on creating specific private channels for these groups to join and be able to share documents under the main PSC Teams channel. He will be creating each group, transferring files and content and then send invites to folks. If we miss anything, please let us know.
7. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update – 10 minutes
- Still undergoing the final 3<sup>rd</sup> party review through the Brendle Group. Emissions are down 31% from baseline year. What brought us down this year, was mainly due to the shift in the way electricity is made in this region. Our grid is cleaner this past year. Air travel and commuting were affected dramatically from COVID. Without COVID we would only be down 20% from 2010. COVID didn't affect certain areas much but overall, we have a downward trend. Around 3% each year so trajectory is on track for our goals.
  - Matt Wallenstein - Regenerative Agriculture could be something to think about.
8. Membership Updates – 20 min
- Julie - I will circulate the position announcement for Colorado Water Center's new director this week. Please share far and wide!
  - Aleta – Curriculum Innovation grants- the application is closed and there was a good number of proposals. There was a huge interest from faculty. SoGES administers the UNFCC delegation to attend the parties. Nine people will be attending on behalf of CSU. There will be a group of students attending as well.
  - Carol – We have partnered with Colorado Natural Heritage Program, and they do biodiversity studies across the state but will do a study at the Mountain Campus, and out on the Shortgrass Campus adjacent to the Pawnee Grasslands. They will utilize students from CSU and working side-by-side with them in the field and remotely.
  - Anthony - Please promote that all researchers take the Research Safety Culture Survey <https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/survey/>. This isn't just for lab safety; this can be off-campus or in the field as well. <https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/green-labs/>
  - Mary – Sustainability Fund update, it is reopened for one more week. Please have anyone who is interested send in a proposal!
  - Jacob – Graduate student chapter of the Student Sustainability Center is sending out emails for interest. Please direct any grad students who may be interested in being part of it please send them my way ([sscgradchapter@colostate.edu](mailto:sscgradchapter@colostate.edu)).