

CSU President's Sustainability Commission Meeting 1/13/2025

In attendance:

1. Grace Wright
2. Stacey Baumgarn
3. Lynsey Bosch
4. Brad Breese
5. Aaron Fodge
6. Colleen Duncan
7. Jake Drenth
8. Jamie Gaskill
9. Jocelyn Hittle
10. Greg Lewis
11. Tonie Miyamoto
12. Cameron Phillips
13. Emily Schmieding
14. Matthew Selje
15. Ryan Scott
16. April Shelhon
17. Jacob VanderRoest
18. Micaela Truslove
19. Andrew Warnock

TL;DR

- PSC voted to provide a letter of support for Rams Roll; a CSUPD and Transportation proposed \$6.50/semester student fee increase to enhance active transportation programs.
- PSC voted to form a sustainable event planning work group to help meet STARS criteria EN7 criteria (engaging all employees in sustainability education through a peer-to-peer model).

Meeting Notes:

- **ATFAB Fee Request: “Rams Roll”** Presented by Brad Bresse (CSU PD), and Cam Phillips & Jamie Gaskill (CSU Transportation)– On behalf of the Rams Roll planning committee, CSU PD and CSU Transportation have requested a letter of support from the PSC for an ATFAB fee request. [See their presentation here.](#) Bikes, scooters, and skateboards account for 15% of primary trips to campus. They are looking to launch a program that is a cross-university partnership between CSU Transportation, CSU Police Department, Central Receiving/The Spoke, and Housing and Dining Services. This program would reduce theft risk, increase safe riding, provide programs, education, and outreach for active transportation, among other benefits.
 - Programs that will receive additional/continued support: Spoke, Rams Ride Right, U-locks with registration, bike light giveaways, Spin reduced rates
 - Additions to existing programs: dedicated team – 1 full-time staff and 8 student staff. New and improved registration system and additional registration incentives,

centralized rack management, streamlined program and operations, additional outreach and engagement resources

- Additionally, activating racks and active transportation spaces
- Budget: maximizes use of existing revenues (125k), all 4 departments have committed staff time, space, and equipment to ensure the program's success (approx. 170k value). What is needed to offer this program is a \$6.50/semester fee increase for an average student. With the fee increase, CSU's transportation fee of \$43.50/semester would continue to be one of the lowest in the country. See the presentation for the proposed program budget. Jamie argued that this funding brings sustainable funding to valuable programs, including the Spoke, which currently doesn't have sustainable funding.
- **Questions:**
 - *Does the revenue include faculty and staff registration?* Yes. And people who already have registered their bikes will receive free registration under the new system.
 - *Are there any caps this year for increases in student fees?* Their fee would account for less than a .5 percent total fee increase. They are unsure about a cap this year, but if there is one they think it may be for all fees overall, not a cap per fee area.
 - *Can Housing and Dining receive fees as an auxiliary?* They are not a recipient of the funds, rather, they are a partner in the program through paying for the spoke and other parts of the program.
 - *Have you received support from VPUO?* They met with Marc Barker and he met with Brendan (VPUO) and received thumbs-up for pursuing this fee increase.
- **VOTE:** All members voted in support, with Aaron Fodge abstaining. Grace Wright will put the letter of support together and send it out with PSC meeting notes. Folks will have 1 week to review.

- **STARS Employee Educators Program:** Presented by Tonie.

- We need to take a look at the STARS credits related to the employee educators program. 100% of employees need to be represented by the peer educators and it can't be sustainability staff putting on the trainings.
- STARS Language:
 - EN7 – Employee Educators Program criteria:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1koFGtbj7BfX0vaOYzzgEzme9coD20bnd/view>
- **Proposal:** Tonie is proposing that PSC sponsors sustainable event training. She has been in touch Jennifer Wright about EventCon, a new event group she has created, that has 100 event staff across campus. Could this be a peer educator program? In addition to a base training, there could be a sustainable waste management and sustainable menu planning training and sustainable event tours. Full program could lead to a sustainable event certification on campus. People who participate would serve as peer educators in planning and spreading the word about sustainable events.

- **Questions/Comments:**
 - *Could transportation be a part of the event training? Encouraging sustainable commuting, etc.* Yes, this could be an additional training. Jamie said they would be happy to help facilitate this.
 - Emily S is in support of this and shared out the [sustainable events guide](#). Emily would be interested in leading a training.
 - Tonie isn't sure how the professional development will be tracked, but it is something to look into.
 - *April was asking if training is going to be available online. Could it be on-demand? This would take pressure off of the scheduling.* Tonie said that there might be a build up to this. Emily would also be happy to help with website on this topic. April Shelton has WP content experience and can also help.
 - Aaron mentioned that "The PSC was asked to present last Spring to an event planning class here at CSU. Four members presented about green events" - Stacey, Mary Liang, Jennifer Williams, and Sonali Diddi
 - Aaron said that there are two groups that could be consulted with: Facilities management and the University events group.
 - Tonie asked Stacey if this should get folded into the engagement subcommittee or if a separate working group should get formed? Stacey commented that a working group might be the best path.
- **VOTE:** Do you support the creation of a working group on this topic?
 - The group supported the proposal unanimously. Tonie will follow up with Emily S.

- **Updates:**

- Earth Month:
 - People need to remember to put their events on the CSU website as plans for Earth Month come together.
 - PSC Recognition Event: Week of April 21 (not April 22). If it was in the budget, would we prefer hors d'oeuvres or lunch? For use of budget, people agreed a later afternoon event.
 - Tours- varied success and group agreed that an RSVP function would be helpful for planning.
 - We talked about the Earth Day workshops, but there is so much competition, we agreed not to do them during the festival.

Next Meeting: February 10th. Send agenda items.