

## **President's Sustainability Committee**

### **Minutes**

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

**Members Present:** Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs  
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation  
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering  
Mary Stromberger – Faculty Council  
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences, Education and Outreach  
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate Student Council  
Aleta Weller - SoGES  
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources  
Ann Bohm –Small – Administrative Professional Council  
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services  
Eco Leader Representative  
Doug Max – Athletics  
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences  
Dakota Truitt – ASCSU  
Bill Timson – College of Natural Sciences  
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property  
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment  
Kathleen Henry – CSUF, CSURF  
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management  
Neyda Gilman - Libraries  
Lynn Johnson – Vice President for University Operations

### **1. Community Recycling Ordinance**

- a. Caroline Mitchell from the City of Fort Collins updated the Committee on the City's revisions to the current recycling ordinance.
- b. The ordinance will not affect CSU, as CSU operates its own recycling program.
- c. The revisions to the ordinance will help the City achieve some of its CAP goals.
- d. A new program, WRAP, will be developed to help apartment complexes and condos start recycling service programs with rebate incentives.
- e. Tying recycling and trash services together by one hauler has dramatically increased the recycling rate within the City.
- f. Customers are charged for services based on the volume of trash/recycling to be hauled.
- g. The following short term changes will potentially be added to the ordinance –
  - a. Reduce the price differences between the sizes of trash/recycling receptacles.
  - b. Offer yard trimming hauling option (most trimmings go to Hageman Earth Cycle on East Prospect)
  - c. Bundle 96 gal recycling service for every 3 units in a multi-family complex (shared between residents).
  - d. Bundle 1/3 of the amount of recycling with trash.
- h. The following medium term changes will potentially be added to the ordinance –
  - a. Phase in collection of food scraps to be collected every other week for single family homes.
  - b. Require collection of food scraps from grocers and large restaurants.
- i. The following long term changes will potentially be added to the ordinance –
  - a. Landfill ban on all curbside recyclables for single family homes, multi-family units, and businesses.
  - b. Landfill ban on all organics and food scraps for single family homes and businesses.
  - c. Every other week trash/recycling collection for single family homes.

- j. Caroline Mitchell with the City of Fort Collins can be reached at [cmitchell@fcgov.com](mailto:cmitchell@fcgov.com) with any comments or questions.

## **2. Commuter Survey**

- a. Aaron Fodge presented the results from Parking and Transportation Services' first commuter survey.
- b. The survey assessed what transportation mode people use to access campus, how often they access campus, and their distance travelled.
- c. This survey reinforces CSU's CAP goals, aligns with the City's CAP goals, and help identify enhancements and changes to alternative transportation programs.
- d. Aaron has a wealth of data about transportation to and from campus and is willing to share any/all information with PSC members.
- e. The results of the survey showed that students are embracing alternative transportation, i.e. bicycles, busses, walking etc. but that faculty and staff are not using alternative modes as frequently.
  - i. Many faculty and staff live further from campus, work shift hours, or have children to pick up/drop off, etc. which is contributing to the reluctance to commute differently.
- f. Accessibility was not taken into account within this survey.
- g. Aaron Fodge can be reached at [Aaron.Fodge@colostate.edu](mailto:Aaron.Fodge@colostate.edu) for follow-up comments/questions.

## **3. Student Sustainability Literacy Assessment**

- a. The Student Sustainability Literacy Assessment will be sent to the PSC to review.
- b. The survey is complete and about ready to send, though the actual date to send is not yet set.
  - i. Targeting to send in early or mid-October.
- c. Renee Harmon, a graduate student, revised the literacy assessment to better align with the strategies set in the STARS program.
  - i. Questions about social and economic sustainability have been added.
- d. Last year, the literacy assessment was combined with ASCSU's sustainability survey, which complicated the results.
  - i. This year, both surveys will be independent of one another to avoid confusion or survey fatigue.

## **4. Heather Hackman**

- a. Heather Hackman will be hosting workshops on campus about social justice and sustainability.
- b. Space is limited and registration is required.
- c. Heather has presented workshops on campus in the past, which were heavily attended.
  - i. As part of the STARS mini-grants, some faculty members attended a workshop with Heather about how to incorporate sustainability into their courses.
- d. More information will be distributed to the PSC.

## **5. Carbon Commitment**

- a. Second Nature, the organization that operates The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), wants to refresh the language of the commitment.
- b. CSU is a signatory of the commitment and has been asked by ACUPCC to review the language and resign the commitment.
- c. Mostly, the revisions now include language about the "commitment to carbon neutrality" and adds "resiliency" to the mission.
- d. Carol recommends to maintain the language as we originally signed. She will send a summary of the commitment to the PSC.

## 6. Updates from Members

**Tony Rappe** – Top administrators from the EPA will be on campus on October 13<sup>th</sup> to present an award to Professor Chen in the Chemistry department for his work in Green Chemistry programs.

**Jacob Kimicek** – The Leave the Plastic, Plant a Tree campaign has been running since the semester started. For every plastic bag not taken, the bookstore will donate \$0.05 to a fund dedicated to planting trees on campus. Also, the Student Sustainability Center's Green Bulletin newsletter now has record readership.

**Renee Harmon** – The Africa Center at CSU will host a coffee social on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to discuss sustainability topics in Africa.

**Brian Dunbar** – Brian is involved in the Ecodistrict planning effort within the City and CSU. Guiding principles for an ecodistrict include health and wellness, resources, nature in the city, access and transportation, housing, and social and economic prosperity. Brian will update the committee with the progress of this effort as it evolves.

**Tim Broderick** – The annual green warrior campaign recently launched and Tim is actively tracking the participation within the program.

**Lynn Johnson** – Lynn offered her thanks to the committee for their dedicated efforts to sustainability at CSU.

**Neyda Gilman** – Library employees have formed a sustainability group and are happy to involve more participants from the PSC.

**Aaron Fodge** – The FLEX bus now runs down 287 and routes through Boulder. Also, CSU has submitted its application to the League of American Bicyclists for a potential platinum "Bicycle Friendly University" designation. Aaron will update the committee with the final results of the designation.

**Sheela Backen** – The EPA will also be giving Sheela an award for food waste diversion for 2013 diversion rates, which have since improved.

**Aleta Weller** – The SoGES office is being converted to host the Future Earth program. Also, One Health and the CSU Water Center, will soon be moving into Johnson Hall so many programs with similar missions will now be housed in the same building. Lastly, SoGES is happy to host sustainability events in their office; contact Aleta for more information.

**Carol Dollard** – The Powerhouse Campus has officially earned a LEED Platinum designation and the Avenir Museum earned LEED Silver. Also, Carol has been involved in early conversations with PRPA about combined heat and power systems, which would be a very innovative energy system on campus.

**Tonie Miyamoto** – The Preferable Purchasing policy at CSU now includes language about fair trade items, as part of the Fair Trade America student initiative the PSC saw in 2014. The policy needs to be signed by the ASCSU President but there are discussions about which President (current or last year's) should sign the policy, as it originally involved last year's President.

Next Meeting – **Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104**