



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

Minutes

April 20, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. Virtual Earth Week – 15 minutes
 - a. To visit the virtual Earth Week, go to <https://green.colostate.edu/earth-week/>
 - b. Thank you to Bill Timpson for the first event of Earth Week, a webinar on Sustainable Peacebuilding. Shout-out to Mary Liang for organizing the Earth Week line-up, Joe Giordano for being our Source partner and helping with Earth Week stories, Maggie Walsh for the 150 trees article and Kirstie Tedrick for the Earth Day Festival webpage!
 - c. Be sure to visit Source for Earth Week articles through the week: [SOURCE.colostate.edu](https://source.colostate.edu)
 - i. Shout-out to Sylvia Cranmer for her article on the history of Earth Day
 - ii. 50 things to do to celebrate 50 years of Earth Day list
 - d. Eco Leader showcase later in the week
 - i. There will be Infographics created instead of presentations up on the Earth-Week website. SoGES website will also be highlighting them on their website.
 - e. Virtual tours on Friday
 - f. Marketing packet was sent out earlier in the week to PSC, please utilize this in any way with the hashtag #CSUEarthDayEverywhere!
2. Last chance to donate for Dr. Frank's tree – 15 minutes
 - a. This is our final appeal for a few more donations, the tree planting is happening tomorrow at 11 a.m. There will be a CSU photographer/social presence to tell the story, so be on the lookout for the announcements.
 - b. This will be the first dedicated tree planted on the oval in CSU history (look for it on the northeast corner of the Oval). Dr. Frank was very moved and excited, and we will plan a celebration with him at a later date.
3. Postpone recognition event – 15 minutes
 - a. Recognition Event highlights full teams and individual recognitions as well as sustainability milestones at the university.
 - b. We will be postponing the event until the Fall semester and we still hope President McConnell will be able to attend. In the meantime, please continue to collect milestones. You can send them over to Tonie or Kirstie.
 - c. We could choose to only celebrate last year's milestones or combine both last year and the Fall semester milestones for one big celebration.
 - d. October is campus sustainability month, so we could reschedule the event during that time. Another consideration is to reschedule in-person Earth Week events during October as well.
4. Member Updates – 40 minutes
 - a. Tonie - Kudos to Sheela and her crew (and the Compost Intern) for keeping the compost program going during the pandemic!
 - b. Sheela – Was told that we achieved a top ranking in RecycleMania, she will share the results soon

- c. Carol – shout-out to those maintaining buildings
- d. Jocelyn – systems office is doing their best to be supportive on respective campuses, construction is still happening at the SPUR campus, they are hopefully able to do in-person ground breaking celebration in September. Thank you to Sheela for reviewing campus-wide waste management plan. Educational opportunity, they would like to compile online educational resources to send out to the community. Please forward any educational resources for them to include. They will be planning to add in the virtual Earth Week content as well.
- e. Aaron – Consultant project was funded to formalize guidelines for teleworking and they plan to host webinars for best practices but can extend it to the community if interested. They are brainstorming teleworking as a possible advancement at CSU, great timing.
- f. Brian – Planning a video series on healthy homes related to the virus. These short videos will be posted on college website and on YouTube. Some content to include filtration/cleaning/what to look at to make sure home is healthy. Carol suggested that water could also be a good topic. Tonie would like to put them on [Green.colostate.edu](https://www.colostate.edu) when they are available. Could be an ongoing series! Jocelyn asked for them to be forwarded over to her as well.
- g. Tim Kemp – Actionable plans are in place for campus projects, some projects are even accelerated during this time. Drilling operations began a few weeks ago in the intermural fields for the geo-exchange system. Virtual tour would be of interest to people –Tim is meeting with Maggie Walsh to create a construction update and chat about virtual tour.
- h. Danielle – CAP update: a few in PSC are on a team working on updating it/revamping it. Launch date will be in the Fall, but it is currently in process.
- i. Aleta – SoGES just announced research teams and resident fellows. 200 people have gone through and the longest program of its type in the U.S. and Canada! Tonie asked for info to include in the milestones.
- j. Shelby Sack – Students have created a Fort Collins delivery service to those in need of grocery deliveries (usually elderly, or immune compromised). Over 30 volunteers with 80+ deliveries a week. Here is the Fort Collins Delivery Network webpage: <https://fortcollinsdeliverynetwork.org/>
- k. Jessica Davis – Everybody Eats garden is about to be seeded and transplants and are currently growing in the Horticultural center. This program will provide fresh food for food insecure students on campus and in the community.
- l. Deborah H. – OBPR is researching using antibodies from infected individuals for COVID-19 treatment and is working with other institutions on this. Will send updates as it progresses.
- m. Sara – ASCSU is still sending out the Green Bulletin every week so please feel free to send anything her way to add it in. They are still having a lot of traction on reads. Her email for Green Bulletin updates is sscdirector@colostate.edu
- n. Let Tonie/Carol/Kirstie know if you have any agenda items for the May meeting to wrap up for the summer. What can we continue working on? Should we take a break now and reconvene in the summer? Is there something we could use the time for? Where do we go from here?
- o. Feedback on the CAP – Carol would like to set it up a time for feedback, so be on the lookout for updates.
- p. Tonie budget update – We will be saving some money due to going virtual for Earth Week. If there are any pressing needs, it would be a good time to identify those now. Otherwise, we could return that money back to the university.