



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

Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**Teams**

- **Welcome and Introductions – All**
- **Earth Month Celebrations**
  - Presented by: Tonie Miyamoto
  - Highlights:
    - CSU Earth Month events are robust despite uncertainties with some grants and programs.
    - A calendar of events is available at [green.colostate.edu](https://green.colostate.edu).
  - PSC Milestones and Recognition Event will be held on April 24 at 1:00 PM at the Alumni Center.
    - Carol will be honored with a lifetime achievement award.
  - PSC Booth: Will feature a CSU gear swap — participants can donate or exchange CSU-branded items.
  - Festival: Scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 on the LSC West Lawn, weather permitting.
- **New Institutional Learning Objectives (ILOs)**
  - **Presented by:** Tonie Miyamoto
  - **Update:**
    - ILOs are being discussed by Faculty Council.
    - *Champion Sustainability* is now the first listed objective.
    - Other ILOs include:
      - Understand Our History and Heritage
      - Advance Knowledge
      - Engage in Civic Life
      - Strive Towards Collective Wisdom
    - Full list and rationale found on [pg. 54 of Faculty Council agenda](#).

- **CSU Strategic Roadmap 2035 Feedback**
  - **Presented by:** Grace Wright
    - **Link to Roadmap Draft:** [Strategic Roadmap PDF](#)
    - **Feedback Form:** [Qualtrics Feedback Link](#)
    - **Key Discussion Points:**
      - Sustainability is prominently featured in the academic master plan but not well integrated into the strategic roadmap text.
      - Tonie highlighted opportunities for sustainability integration, such as aligning the campus master plan with the Climate Action Plan and leveraging existing sustainability achievements (e.g., STARS rankings).
      - Members were urged to submit specific suggestions for integrating sustainability themes into the roadmap.
- **Engineering Future Technologies (LEFT) Building — Sustainability Input Session**
  - **Facilitated by:** Tanner Brown and the design-build team (Adolfson & Peterson + DLR Group)
  - **Overview:**
    - The project will replace the existing Glover building and serve as a high-profile interdisciplinary facility between Engineering and Computer Science.
    - Estimated size: 140,000–170,000 GSF, budgeted at \$135–160M.
    - Intended as a hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, student support, and sustainability.

**Sustainability Strategy (Presented by Patti Mason, DLR Group):**

- **Approach:**
  - Grounded in CSU’s decarbonization goals and climate resilience strategies.
  - Early focus on goal-setting and performance metrics, not just checklist strategies.
- **Frameworks Discussed:**
  - LEED Gold (baseline), with aspirations to exceed.
  - State regulations (e.g., CO Building Performance Standards, Buy Clean Colorado).
  - Potential integration of WELL Building or Living Building Challenge (student interest noted).
- **Design Considerations:**
  - Climate adaptation and resilience.
  - Pedestrian mobility and bike infrastructure.

- Water-conscious landscaping and biophilic design.
- Digital transformation, data access for research.
- Mass timber under consideration, with emphasis on lifecycle carbon.
- **Key Technical Points:**
  - Potential inclusion of a data center.
  - Strong sub-metering and energy tracking.
  - Ongoing collaboration with CSU's Green Building Standards Working Group.
- **Next Steps:**
  - A dedicated sustainability workshop will be scheduled in early May.
  - Ongoing input will be sought from PSC's Green Building Standards Workgroup.
  - PSC members expressed interest in staying engaged through periodic updates, potentially at each design phase.
- **Member Updates & Announcements**
  - Vehicle Retirement and EV Grant Deadline: April 15  
[Details on CSU Sustainability Fund](#)