



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

Minutes

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting**

1. Introductions
2. 2020 Highlights & Looking Ahead
  - a. Presentation of achievements, awards and highlights from 2020. The AASHE Sustainable Campus Index recognized CSU as the Top Performer among doctoral institutions and also recognized CSU in 7 separate categories. We scored full points in the curriculum category due to the hard work of achieving a sustainability learning outcome for the university.
  - b. Finance & Investment category – this is the first time CSU has been recognized in this category. Lynn Johnson gave a shout out to Cheri O’Neill for her leadership of the Foundation and Tonie thanked Allen Padilla as the Foundation liaison to PSC.
  - c. Carol shared that the Geothermal Project on the intramural fields is one of the largest in the western united states and is now complete.
  - d. Denver airport ads – There will be 12 moving boards on our sustainability achievements at DIA (terminal B)
  - e. SSC Sustainability Planner – a resource for students on reducing footprint on a day-to-day basis, expand their social impacts, etc. (<https://sustainability.colostate.edu/centers/student-sustainability-center/>)
  - f. Solar RFP project has been awarded to Namaste Solar – This RFP will more than double the amount of solar on campus and installations will be complete in 2022.
  - g. Strategic Transformation discussion and brainstorming with President McConnell
    - i. 5-year plan that keeps building on itself each year
    - ii. Movement during/after Fall break and heading into Spring semester
    - iii. Enrollment and recruitment materials – sustainability is very important to our students and how to communicate it
    - iv. Our commission can do surveys/ask information that is helpful to shape the transformation. Having a list of goals/plans (quantitative).
    - v. PSC will discuss more at our January retreat
3. Discussion with President McConnell, Chief of Staff/Director of Communications Ann Claycomb, and VP for University Communications Yolanda Bevill
4. Updates from Members
  - a. Sophia – ASCSU has published the sustainability drop box and have been receiving great feedback from our students. 100 people attended a virtual conference that ASCSU hosted. They had four panelists: Scott Denning, Courtney Schultz, Andrew Rumbach and Deserai Crow that discussed the wildfires in relation to climate change, forest management, disaster resiliency, and environmental policy.
  - b. Julie – The third annual Water in the West Symposium will be next week, encourage students to attend – <https://www.csuspur.org/witw/>. CoWC's FY22 RRP was released this past week <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/grants/>.
  - c. Aaron – ATFAB has released a call for projects - <https://atfab.colostate.edu/project-proposal-submission-form/>.

- d. Anthony A – CSU Sustainability Fund is still open for submissions, people can choose to submit micro proposals as well: <https://green.colostate.edu/csu-sustainability-fund/>
- e. Brian – Architectural project near City library and it is going to be LEED Platinum and the first building to be LEED positive. Producing more energy than is being used. This is located at the corner of Oak and Mathews. 4 CSU interns were able to work on the project.
- f. Carol – District energy master plan is in process and looking at changing steam on-campus to newer technologies.
- g. Sara Van Hatten – Director of Student Sustainability Center application is now closed so will hopefully introduce the new director at the next meeting. She continually receives inquiries about sustainability at CSU from new and potential students as well as other universities.
- h. Tonie – we will be canceling our December meeting and will reconvene in January (11<sup>th</sup>) to have a mini retreat (3-hour meeting). Look out for the calendar invitation.
- i. List of subgroups/committees needs to be updated with new members and will be sent out to the group.
- j. Everyone, if you have a way to help us promote an upcoming Clean Teach PitchFest Competition, please spread to word to any interested students: <https://energy.colostate.edu/getinvolved/events/2020-pitchfest-competition/>. Prizes up to \$1,500 for 1st place!