

President's Sustainability Committee

Agenda

April 17th, 2017, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present:

Carol Dollard – Facilities Management – Co-Chair of PSC
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Van Wallace – Facilities Management
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Intern
Emily Taylor – Student Sustainability Center
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Brian Dunbar – IBE
Farrah Bustamante – Procurement Services
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Aaron Fodge – Parking and Transportation Services
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Mark Ritschard – College of Engineering
Tim Broderick – HDS
Jocelyn Hittle – CSU System
Kailey Carlson – ASCSU Environmental Affairs – Sustainability
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Ann Bohm-Small – VPR/APC
John Fitch – Morgan Libraries
Don Albrecht - Morgan Libraries
Julie Kallenberger - CSU Water Center and Colorado Water Institute
EcoLeader Representatives
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Chris Giglio - EHS

1. WELL Program – Brian Dunbar

- a. Brian Dunbar and the Institute for the Built Environment have been in contact with Delos, an organization that provides a building rating system similar to LEED, called the WELL Building Standard. Delos invited CSU to be the first University to pursue the WELL Building Standard as a campus.
- b. Brian is looking for feedback from the PSC to better understand if the WELL Building Standard program is right for CSU to pursue.
- c. The WELL Building Standard evaluates the overall health and productivity in building sand offices, not only in the structures themselves but also within the building occupants.
- d. There are seven concepts of evaluation within the WELL Building Standard –
 - i. Air
 - ii. Water
 - iii. Nourishment
 - iv. Light
 - v. Fitness
 - vi. Comfort
 - vii. Mind
- e. Each of these concepts have criteria and associated points needed to achieve the credit.
- f. Delos has visited campus and met with several key stakeholders to understand the fit of the program on campus.

- i. The Behavioral Science Building and Aggie Village were tested under the WELL Building standard during one of the campus visits.
 - ii. The tests included water quality, air quality and other factors.
 - iii. Neither building passed the test. Recent buildings will need improvements/adjustments to meet the WELL Building Standard.
- g. Delos has offered a “vision for a strategic partnership toward a wellness campus.” They compared the University’s strategic plan with strategies they believe will help the University meet its goals.
- h. A potential strategic partnership could synergy between include curricular activities, policies, research, and more. Delos will return to campus in June to host an exploratory workshop to determine how/when/if CSU could participate in the WELL Building Standard.
 - i. The campus as a whole can be evaluated or individual buildings, like the upcoming Richardson Design Center, could be certified.
 - ii. Buildings can be both LEED and WELL certified.
- i. The cost of participating in the WELL Building Standard is quite a bit higher than LEED. The University would get “deep discounts” through the strategic partnership.
- j. Other individuals/units that might be interested in the exploratory workshop include Mary Ontiveros, EHS and the One Health Institute.
- k. As this topic develops, Brian will update the PSC.

2. Innovate Fort Collins Challenge – Carol

- a. The City of Fort Collins has a grant opportunity called “Innovate Fort Collins Challenge” ranging in value of \$5,000-\$250,000.
- b. Projects must be related to improving energy efficiency and conservation, recycling or reuse of materials, or alternative transportation.
- c. The project will tie to the City’s Climate Action Plan.
- d. A panel of judges will evaluate the received proposals in a pitchfest.
- e. The deadline to submit is April 28th, 2017.

3. President Frank’s Visit in May – Carol

- a. President Frank and Vice President Lynn Johnson will attend the May PSC meeting.
- b. Part of the meeting will be dedicated to a summation of the recent accomplishments of the PSC, along with progress updates of the PSC’s strategic plan.
- c. Stacey suggested that the PSC review the alignment of its strategic plan and Climate Action Plan with the University’s strategic plan. This review might provide compelling information to the President, more than listing accomplishments.
- d. If you have other ideas for agenda items, please email them to Carol, Tonie, or Becca.

4. Sustainability Milestones – Carol

- a. Carol shared a draft presentation of recent sustainability milestones.
- b. There are 26 EV charging stations on campus.
- c. LEED building information and Green Globes certification for the Avenir museum will be added to the list.
- d. Julie will send information about the new Sustainable Water Interdisciplinary Minor
- e. Emily will send information about the student collaboration between SSC and ASCSU.
- f. Information about the windrow-composting program will be added to the list.
- g. Emily will also send numbers of attendees at SoGES and SSC events.

5. Summer Retreat– Carol

- a. The PSC will have a retreat in the summer. The focus of the retreat will be on updating the PSC’s strategic plan.
- b. The PSC agreed that early or late July would be best for the retreat and would prefer to host the retreat off-campus.

6. Updates from Members -

John – The Morgan Library’s Sustainability Team will soon build more robust lunch and learn programs for staff. The Library also can serve as a repository for sustainability research and information. And, John is interested in involving student to participate in research about the Morgan Library’s building features, to increase efficiency.

Aleta – SoGES just recently elected four Global Challenges Research Teams and six faculty Research Fellows.

Tim – There are still volunteer opportunities for the Plate Waste Audit on Thursday the 20th. Becca will send the link to volunteer. Also, the rain date for the Earth Day Festival will be Tuesday, April 25th and the festival will be rescheduled within 24 hours of the event.

Chris – The Chemical Safety Compliance Committee is working on centralizing the chemical distribution center. The Committee is close to negotiations with companies for safe chemical distribution. Most likely, the distribution center will be the Chemistry stock room.

Julie – The Water Center will soon host a panel discussion of “Is the Poudre River Ecologically Sustainable? What does “The Science” Say?” And, in partnership with many other businesses and organizations, the Water Center will also host Clean the Poudre 2017. More information about both events will be sent with the minutes.

Sheela – The windrow composting project is going well and she is excited to soon incorporate waste from buildings like greenhouse plant waste.

Jake – Surplus will be hiring students for temporary help for move-out and for the Tent Sale. If you know of interested students, contact Jake. The Tent Sale will be held Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th.

Tony – The E-waste course is progressing through the course approval process.

Carol – CSU is still the first and only STARS Platinum rated university The news and report are officially confirmed. Also, Carol showed a map of upcoming construction projects that will begin this summer and fall. Becca will send this map with the minutes. Lastly, if you are interested in ERF projects, Carol can send a summary of the proposed projects.

Brian – Brian will be attending the Rocky Mountain Green Conference next Thursday, April 27th in Denver. Registration is still available and there are student rates.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 15th, 1:00-2:30 pm in TILT 104 – President Frank and Vice President Johnson will be in attendance.