



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

Minutes

November 13th, 1:00-2:30 pm

Virtual

- Introductions – 5 min
 - Welcome to new member Kacy Paul and guest John Parry. Also in attendance: Kirstie Tedrick, Diego Marquez, Carol Dollard, Ryan Scott, Jennifer Williams, Tonie Miyamoto, Monica Latham, Haydyn Deason, Jackie Carrillo, Stacey Baumgarn, Tim Brennan, Grace Wright, Aaron Fodge, Mary Liang, Sara Campbell, Mark Gokavi, Mindy Hill, Aleta Weller, Jacob VanderRoest, Colleen Duncan, Farrah Bustamante, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Brian Dunbar, Lynsey Bosch, Gargi Duttgupta, Rachel Auerbach, Ashraf Fouad, Mark Rischard, and Mark Paquette.
- CSU Bookstore Proposal for Rechargeable Batteries – John Parry – 10 min
 - John is looking into selling rechargeable batteries at the bookstore. The batteries are twice the cost of a set of 4 disposable double A batteries but last for 1,000 recharges. AA, AAA, C, D, 9Volt, and CR123A batteries are available. Pale Blue is a regional company based in Utah. Each battery type comes in a 4 Pack with a USB-C charging cord that is standard and charges all batteries at once.
 - The order of a display from the vendor to be placed in the store soon, possibly before the holidays.
 - Mark – has this been written about at all? When they are coming, and the display is up can possibly write some kind of story on them.
 - Could be a good initiative to implement in all the Front Desk offices for each area.
 - Mindy – Could we possibly include some impact data on using rechargeable vs. recycling data?
 - Stacey – CSU recycles around 3.8 tons of batteries each year
 - <https://paleblueearth.com/pages/about>
- Recap of Sustainability Game Day – what went well, what can we improve, and notes for the future – 10 min
 - First time doing a CSU Gear Swap, we had plenty of items for the booth and good attendance. Parent and families did great on bringing gear to the event. Students seemed to not have many items to swap just yet. Leftovers were given to the Aggie Village Eco Leaders for an apartment resident swap event.
 - PSC and Student Sustainability Center were recognized on the field during the game. They did a quick summary on PSC and SSC and names were announced on the intercom with video on the jumbotron. Those who participated said it was a wonderful recognition and enjoyed the experience!
 - Sustainability guides for tailgating, zero waste, and sustainable swag were shared before the game through Athletics, Alumni Association, SOURCE, and other networks. <https://green.colostate.edu/campus-sustainability-guides/>
 - Jennifer shared that the tailgating area was a mess afterwards. Farrah shared that expectations can be outlined in the contract and offered to follow up. Tonie and Farrah have a meeting set up in early December to discuss next steps.
 - Earth Day Festival swap event – it would be nice to have a summer vs. winter swap event as we had a lot of t-shirts leftover that may be more popular in April.

- Recap of Renewable Energy Delegation from India – 5 min
 - 30 delegates visited from India.
 - It was great weather for the day, and they enjoyed seeing and talking about the Geoexchange System and got a full hour with President Parsons.
 - They were very interested in storage/battery systems and enjoyed hearing from Bryan Willson at the Energy Institute and Susan Delja with Center for New Energy Economy.
 - They were only going to two universities for their stay, which included us and Stanford.
 - This was our first time partnering with International Programs to host a major delegation and shout out to Kevin Nohe for his expertise and assistance! Overall, it was a positive experience with the delegation.

- FY23 GHG Footprint - 20 min
 - Big goals: 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030 and Carbon Neutrality by 2040
 - Climate Action was last updated in 2022: [https://www.fm.colostate.edu/wp-dev/wp-content/uploads/FY22-Climate Action Plan Summary.pdf](https://www.fm.colostate.edu/wp-dev/wp-content/uploads/FY22-Climate_Action_Plan_Summary.pdf)
 - Emissions went up this year, in part due to the drought in 2022 which meant less hydropower in the electric mix
 - Air Travel went up substantially but still less than pre-covid.
 - Campus also continues to grow.
 - Commuting went down for students as they return to public transport options.
 - Natural Gas impacts up slightly from last year – weather related (colder year).
 - FERA – new category called Fuel & Energy Related Activities (i.e., the upstream impacts of fuels used directly & fuels used in electricity related activities)
 - Energy is more than 70% of our footprint. We need to electrify and have better building efficiency to move the needle. Steam to hot water – will significantly reduce natural gas footprint but need funding.
 - EV Incentive Grant program is going slow, no areas are willing to retire vehicles and EVs are hard to purchase of right now (availability of appropriate models is very limited).
 - Request time for ELT to present the findings and offer them choices and make recommendations.
 - Send input on the presentation to PSC before presenting to the group. [Kirstie – not sure what this means. Is it that we should send the presentation to PSC for approval before presenting to the ELT?]
 - Grace - CSU alum David Widawski just became director of the EPA's Office of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which is a \$27 billion investment to mobilize financing and private capital to address the climate crisis -- wondering if our projects might qualify under some of the NCIF funding? <https://www.linkedin.com/in/david-widawsky/>

- Member Updates - 30 min
 - Tonie – let me know if you are interested in being part of the procurement conversation around contractual expectations for sustainability.
 - Carol – Working group on E-Waste and Universal Waste has submitted a budget proposal and we are waiting to hear if it will be accepted. This proposal would consolidate thousands of small transactions for waste disposal into one central fund to streamline and encourage people to dispose of waste appropriately.
 - Jacob – a colleague is interested in working at CSU in a sustainability position. Please reach out to Jacob if you are interested in viewing her resume or have leads on positions.
 - Haydyn – ASCSU is looking forward to the Sustainable Holiday Soiree. Holidays bring a lot of waste, so they created an event on Dec 7 from 4 – 8pm. They plan to provide fabric scraps to wrap presents from the Nancy Richardson Design Center. Dried orange garlands, soaps, and candles will be created and participants are encouraged to bring their own jars. Working with ZWT and SSC. Compost is in the LSC.
 - Aleta – the RFP for the Curriculum grants has launched and will close on Dec 15th. Please share this around! Looking for a CSU logo tablecloth to use at the UN Climate Talks – please let her know if you have one or who to contact. <https://sustainability.colostate.edu/un-climate-change-conference/>

- Brian – Our president has been a great spokesperson for sustainability. Was at the game and thanked us for our input. Nice job including sustainability in her speech about what is going on at CSU. IBE is working on a sustainability lounge and wall at LSC and met with the graphics group today. Will be just inside the entrance at the Transit Center. The timeline would allow them to have a grand opening by Earth Week. Will keep us informed and might be included as an event in April.
- Mary – CSU Sustainability Fund Committee met, and they are in the middle of deciding how to allocate funding. Final decisions will be made before Fall Break. HDS is looking for outdoor docking stations for E-mobility devices.
- Will cancel either the December or January meeting depending on agenda items. Will plan to do our retreat during the summer.