



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

Minutes

August 17, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

1. Introductions – 5 minutes
2. Fleet Vehicle Analysis – 20 minutes (Dave Bradford)
 - a. A fleet analysis was started last year. The fleet continues to grow, and they wanted to take the opportunity to study it, to see if it is the right size, if they are keeping vehicles long enough/too long, etc. and ultimately identify best practices.
 - b. Assessment includes rentals, buses, vehicles, and operations for CSU Facilities (does not include vehicles other entities at CSU own or lease). There are a total of around 850 vehicles not including trailers at CSU. Study included 315 of them. Average of 9 ½ years of age including vehicles that are older than 20 years old or as new as last year. Recommendations are to eliminate low utilization, or wrong type of vehicle.
 - c. Next steps include looking at the makeup of new vehicles, hybrid or electric options. Opportunities in larger vehicle fleet vehicles where they could use alternative fuels (compressed natural gas, biodiesel, electric) over the next 10 years. Replacement cycle is recommended for every 9 years for all types of vehicles. New planning of different policies, life cycles, strategic plan for future purchases of vehicles. Will look at grants and other opportunities (payment net difference, president's office requirements, etc.)
 - d. What about the other vehicles on-campus? Yes, would like to pursue an analysis of those vehicles as well moving forward.
 - e. Some discussion was had about challenges with alternative fuels as well as some success stories with electric vehicles at CSU.
 - f. The PSC Operations Subcommittee would love to contribute more information as it pertains to STARS and our goals.
 - g. Commission would be happy to make a request to figure out an offset for going electric/hybrid.
3. Compost Expansion – 10 minutes (Sheela Backen)
 - a. Submitted a grant to expand windrow composting. Will find out sometime in October. PSC members are in support of the grant.
 - b. Matching funds were not required to submit the grant.
4. Education Subcommittee Sustainability Learning Outcomes Toolbox Draft – 20 minutes (Tony Rappe)
 - a. Budget for FY21 did include money to support integration or the institutional learning outcomes related to sustainability.
 - b. Increase from \$5K for curriculum grants to \$20K.
 - c. Ask to SoGES for a campus-wide RFP for toolkit/curriculum improvement proposals.
 - d. Creation of a mini symposium for completed and accepted grants this next year is being proposed to showcase success stories after the first round.
 - e. RFP could potentially be released by mid-September, with early November announcements for the tentative timeline.
 - f. Could one use dollars for professional development? Probably but would not be a high-priority, however since this is a new fund it can be submitted. Would be in competition with other proposals that were submitted.
 - g. Toolkits will be readily accessible on the SoGES site.

- h. How to announce it? Faculty council announcement? SoGES would roll it out through emails/announcements and possibly posters. PSC would also be sending out notices as a joint project.
5. Member Updates – 30 minutes
- a. Tonie – PSC was awarded \$75,000 in new funding so we will still be receiving base funding from past years. Intern position is posted and please send out to interested groups https://app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/3911932?utm_source=activity_mailer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=notification_email. We will continue partnering with CSU Life and Source to post sustainability success stories by the PSC Intern. Please send any story/topic ideas to us. RFP for curriculum grants can be first topic.
 - b. Carol – Stacey and Carol do have funding for a sustainability intern within Facilities that will open in September as well. Geo exchange project for Moby update: the outside portion is wrapping up and will be fixing the fields soon and inside work is still in progress. Hopefully the project will be final before Thanksgiving. Carol is happy to provide information/talk about the project to interested people/students.
 - c. Brian Dunbar – Working with Stacey and Carol on a potential project called WELL Health and Safety. The well building institute is connected with Stephanie Clemons. Well Health & Safety is not exactly a certification, but any organization can participate to receive a seal/rating for entry doors. CSU has been offered to investigate this at a discounted rate. A proposal has been presented to Tom Satterly and Lynn Johnson. WELL standard is about 5 years old, is gaining in recognition and is certified by the same group as LEED. PSC is supportive of the proposal if CSU can identify a path forward with existing resources.
 - d. Aaron Fodge – New street and trail that run along Hughes Way on the South side of the residence halls runs from Shields all the way to Eddy. New protected bike lane on campus west of Administration as well. Awarded another electric vehicle charger for the Foothills. Over 40 ports now on campus!
 - e. Stacey Baumgarn – We have a small solar project that will start soon on the Lory Student Center fully funded by ASCSU. A time-lapse camera will be set-up for the installation. Larger solar RFP project in progress and proposals have been evaluated and will have presentations next week. Anthony Appleton and Stacey are launching a program called Shut the Sash campaign. Updates to come out of it soon.
 - f. Jocelyn Hittle – campus energy deal that allows SPUR campus to go through a heat recovery project is coming together. Design is almost done for the SPUR campus as well. Thank you to all members of PSC who participated.
 - g. Julie Kallenberger – Two courses that are being offered include a graduate seminar on water policy/institutions and water law in the west. Geared toward grads but anyone can join on Monday's 4-5. GES120 course on water sustainability in the west, offered in partnership with SoGES is a T-Th in-person class. Let students know to reach out to Julie for more information. Virtual event next week 25-29th Poudre Water Fest. Poudreriverfest.org. Registration is free.