



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

Agenda  
March 6th, 1:00-2:30 pm  
**Virtual Meeting**

- Introduction
  - New member Kira Douglas, Senior Admissions Counselor for Group Visits, will be representing Enrollment & Access on the PSC.
  - Attendees: Anthony Appleton, Tim Brennan, Stacey Baumgarn, Sara Campbell, Carol Dollard, Kira Douglas, Aaron Fodge, Jocelyn Hittle, Kenneth Kineer, Mary Liang, Tonie Miyamoto, Mark Paquette, Mark Ritschard, Ryan Scott, Kirstie Tedrick, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Jacob VanderRoest, Andrew Warnock, Aleta Weller, Jennifer Williams, Grace Wright, Monica Latham, Aleta Weller, Bryn Hall
- Plastic Bottle Reduction
  - Rick Miranda passed along an inquiry from a Board of Governors member asking about a University-wide ban on single use plastic water bottles.
    - The inquiry was specifically about plastic water/beverage bottles. Medical, laboratory, etc. would be evaluated differently and was not part of the inquiry.
    - Mark Ritschard: The College of Engineering banned purchase of single use water bottles about a year ago. Drastically reduced the amount of water bottles purchased. As a College, they are not responsible for the purchase of Coca-Cola products in vending machines, this was just relating to purchases specifically from the college.
    - Mary Liang: There has been lots of student interest in plastic bans on campus. A recent effort investigated aluminum cans over plastic bottles in vending machines. Students were mainly concerned about costs associated with changes.
    - Kenneth: ASCSU recently heard from R Cup, which is a company that uses reusable products for events/gamedays and then washes the products for recycling.
    - During the meeting, a vote was held to determine next steps. Decided that PSC would host a working session with subject matter experts on campus.
      - Contact Tonie Miyamoto if you are interested in joining this group.
- Green Cleaning Policy Update
  - The Green Cleaning Policy update was drafted by the Green Building Standards Working Group. A current policy draft is under review by the University Policy Office and open to public comment. There is a more general and broad policy that is accompanied by a Best Practices Document that has more specific guidelines. Please provide feedback as soon as possible at the link below.
    - [Policies Under Development | University Policy Office | Colorado State University \(colostate.edu\)](#)
- Earth Month Discussion
  - This year, Earth Month will not have themed weeks like we did last year and will return to a general Earth Month. Events can be advertised through [green.colostate.edu](http://green.colostate.edu) and events submitted by the deadline March 24 will be included (send events to [Tonie.Miyamoto@colostate.edu](mailto:Tonie.Miyamoto@colostate.edu)). Planned events include:
    - PSC Sustainability Milestones & Recognition on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3pm in WCNR Room 345 (Horsetooth Conference Room).
      - Nomination link for Recognitions: <https://green.colostate.edu/sustainability-recognition-nomination/>

- Sustainability in Plain Sight – Walking Tour
      - Date & Time: 4/19 at 3 pm
      - Location: Tour begins at the north end of the Oval and will conclude at the Lory Student Center. Contact: Stacey Baumgarn
    - Earth Day Festival on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the LSC West Lawn. Rain date April 21<sup>st</sup>.
      - If you would like to register for a booth, or know someone who would like to have a booth, sign up at the link below. Registration is free and tables for the event will be provided!
      - <https://conferencereg.colostate.edu/Registration/Welcome.aspx?e=E90FBF40C3A09EA9946B16E302D5F2D4>
    - Compost Giveaway & E-Waste Collection on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Moby Arena Parking Lot.
  - Possible events from ASCSU, Zero Waste Team, WCNR, and Parking & Transportation Services are in the works. SoGES is hosting their Climate Summit for High School students at the LSC again this year. The event is only open to high school students. <https://www.clsummit.org/>
- Member Updates – 35 min
  - Tonie and Carol – Quick budget update for PSC, we are currently in between ELT liaisons for PSC so we have submitted our budget request to VPUO as they hold our account. Some asks include increasing curriculum grant funding, 5% salary increases, and new budget line item to cover assessments through IRISS including the curriculum survey and sustainability literacy assessments bi-yearly.
  - Rodolfo – Women in sustainability panel last week, shoutout to Carol for participating. Would like to plan the same event for Earth Week next year.
  - Carol – Still in the process of hiring a retrocommissioning engineer. Please continue to share the opportunity: <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/121814>. SPUR event a couple weeks ago and they had 50 sustainability folks across the state to discuss how to make campuses net zero.
  - Aleta – After the PSC retreat discussion about moving up the timeline, they went ahead and launched the sustainability curriculum grants. They will have a full year of funding and hopefully have more time to build it in the budget and flexibility on how they use those funds. Please share along with your colleagues. [https://sustainability.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Curriculum-Innovation-Grant-RFP\\_Fall-2023.pdf](https://sustainability.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Curriculum-Innovation-Grant-RFP_Fall-2023.pdf). Deadline is March 22, 2023.
  - Ken - ASCSU Environmental Affairs department is open to collaboration and funding assistance on Earth Month events. Please also reach out to- [ascsu\\_environmental\\_affairs@colostate.edu](mailto:ascsu_environmental_affairs@colostate.edu)
  - Mary – Waste Audit on March 23<sup>rd</sup> is still looking for volunteers, we will be sorting waste at the LSC Plaza from 9:30 – 12:30. <https://signup.com/go/yGEEOSX>. Braiden Hall has been certified as LEED gold for EBOM as an existing building!
  - Jocelyn – Quick update for the SPUR campus, one of the buildings was certified as LEED gold.
  - Stacey – Engagement Subcommittee have been working on updating a student sustainability and employee sustainability handbooks. Hope to have these completed and ready for Earth Week. Both will also be available online but also in print. Ultra-low temperature freezers – international laboratory freezer challenge and is looking for labs to participate. Please get in touch with me if you are interested. <https://www.research.colostate.edu/research-safety-culture/green-labs/>
    - [2023 Laboratory Freezer Challenge info for CSU \(2\).pdf](#)
  - Grace – Our Impact MBA Corporate Sustainability Fellowship program was just notified that we will be recognized by AACSB (our accreditation body) as a 2023 Innovations That Inspire winner.