

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

November 17th, 2014, 1:00-2:30 pm

The Pavilion at Laurel Village

1. Introductions – 5 minutes

- Laurel Village is the newest residence hall on campus.
- The Pavilion is the first building to pursue LEED Platinum on Main Campus and includes many sustainable features like a katabatic tower, a living wall, and the bike repair shop.
- The bike repair shop is open Monday-Friday 11:00-3:00 pm.
- Students, faculty, and staff can have their bikes repairs for cost or can choose to fix the bike themselves for free with guidance from staff

2. Bike Master Plan – Aaron Fodge - 30 minutes

- CSU is in the process of updating the Master Plan, which includes a refreshed bicycle Master Plan.
- The City of Fort Collins is also updating their bicycle master plan and efforts are coinciding.
- Priorities of bicycle master plan:
 1. Navigation of pedestrian core
 2. Last mile connection
 3. Safe navigation and way-finding
 4. Connections from student-dense neighborhoods
 5. Revised cycling parking policies
 6. Data collection
- If all of the master plan priorities are realized, CSU will become a platinum-level Bicycle Friendly University.
- Challenges of Master Plan:
 1. Perimeter streets
 2. North-South routes
 3. East-West routes
 4. Spot improvements
- Improvements needed:
 1. Buffered bike zones and contraflow bike lanes
 2. Protected bike lanes for Lake Street
 3. Off-street pathways – separated and shared-use
- Bicycle Master Plan provides an opportunity to re-design Pitkin into a bicycle throughway.
- South Campus and Foothills Campus will be incorporated into the plan for both students and employees, accounting for future growth on South Campus.
- Foothills Campus is challenged by a lack of bicycle infrastructure like sidewalks and bike lanes but the Bicycle Master Plan accounts for a new trail through the Foothills Campus.
- Questions –
 1. Is there an opportunity to partner with the County to improve Laporte? – CSU would be responsible for making the improvements.
 2. What is included in an intersection improvement? – Things like repaving, restriping, or redesigning an intersection.

3. PSC Update for President Frank - Tonie Miyamoto and Carol Dollard- 15 minutes

- Tonie and Carol prepared a presentation summarizing the actions and efforts of the President's Sustainability Committee, since its reconfiguration in January.

4. **President Tony Frank** – 20 minutes

- Dr. Frank thinks the mission statement of the PSC is on point, as inclusiveness in sustainability is critical to the committee.
- Sustainability and environmental stewardship cut across all areas of the University and it's important for the committee to be mindful of that.
- Dr. Frank believes it is important for the Committee's work to focus on pulling information across all department and areas of the University, for the greater good of all.
- Because the issues of sustainability are so important to the University, the President's Office may consider dedicating a focused budget towards sustainability.
- The representation on the PSC is well balanced and inclusive.
- He compared the work of the PSC to that of the Women's Initiative, i.e. representing a large group with many facets.
- Moving forward, Dr. Frank suggested the PSC make a list of 1-3 concrete, attainable goals with a set timelines, and work forward towards those.

Questions for Dr. Frank–

- What constitutes an effective committee?
 - Outcomes. The committees that have been effective on campus have all caused actions and outcomes moving the University forward.
 - An ineffective committee is one that gets mired in procedural semantics.
 - An effective committee member will have the mindset of being helpful towards the overall progress of the University.
- Can the PSC ask for the President's office to send an email about an intuitive or include the initiatives into the presidential address?
 - Yes, Dr. Frank and his staff would be willing to include topics from the PSC in many communication tools like emails, Today@colostate, social media, etc.
 - Send such things to Cara Neth in the President's Office.
- How can we accomplish our goals, which are long term and complicated, and align them into a SPARC with a simple effective request?
 - The SPARC process can be arduous but Dr. Frank recommended the committee maintain the idea of sustainability cutting across all areas of the University, which will be the most impactful.
 - Amy suggested that a PSC member sit on all SPARC committees to ensure sustainability is being well-represented in each SPARC.
 - In the SPARC process, generality is not effective. Goals must have specificity and detail.
 - Everyone else is competing for the same resource so the goals of the PSC must be clearly defined and packaged in a simple way for others to understand.

5. **Other** -

- Tonie, Carol, the President's Office and others are completing a comprehensive analysis of the STARS report before it will be submitted.
- The report can be submitted anytime before the spring so there is time to look into the data deeper to eliminate any discrepancies.
- By submitting the first Platinum report, CSU will require a third-party review.
- The level of scrutiny in the third-party review will be high so it is important to be very confident in all of the data submitted.

Next meeting: Monday, December 15th, 1-2:30 pm, TILT 104