



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

Minutes

January 27, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Michael Smith Natural Resources Building - 345**

1. Introductions – 5 minutes

Jake Drenth, Danielle Backman, Tonie Miyamoto, Carol Dollard, Mary Liang, Tony Rappe, Sara VanHatten, Tim Kemp, Beth Etter, Julie Kallenberger, Stephanie Clemons, Maile Wood, Tim Brennan, Aaron Fodge, Stacey Baumgarn, Doug Max, Jessica Davis, Brenton Goodman, Steve Garten, Farrah Bustamante, Shelby Sack, Andrew Warnock, Monica Latham, Dan McGrath, Aleta Weller.

2. Announcements – 15 minutes

- a. Recycling guidelines/waste sorting guide has been updated. This guide aligns to the city's guidelines. Please share it with colleagues and your department areas: <https://source.colostate.edu/new-recycling-guidelines-roll-out-on-campus/>.
- b. City's building energy & water reporting ordinance – Denver has had one for years and Fort Collins city is now reporting miles per gallon of water for buildings. We are working to comply with it. The ordinance goes into effect March 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone is reaching out about this, please forward them over to Carol and Stacey.
- c. Air Travel Offset Committee update – Need to regroup and send a new recommendation to the President's Office. Aaron and Carol will be looking for a time to meet to discuss the opt-in program for travel offsets pilot.
- d. Memorial Tree – Plant a tree for former President, current Chancellor Frank to honor and recognize his commitment and support for sustainability. This Earth Week CSU will be planting 150 trees for the 150 years of CSU. If PSC can raise \$1,500 dollars (private funds) we can plant his memorial tree during the first planting (around the Oval). A donation link can be created to send out to partners, social, emails, etc. Any excess funding can go towards the newly-established Arboretum fund. Donation will be created and available sometime in February with a cut-off date in March.

3. Formal Statement of Institutional Commitment to Sustainability – 10 minutes

- a. We, the Colorado State University community, commit to being leaders in sustainability through teaching, research, engagement, and service in support of our land-grant mission. Our collective and individual actions embody our responsibility to further sustainability from an environmental, economic, and social justice perspective. At CSU, all have an opportunity to learn, experience, and practice conservation, stewardship, and advocacy. As a core value, sustainability contributes to the well-being and resiliency of our community to enable us to address local and global challenges through transformational change.
- b. Beth suggested "everyone has" instead of "all"
- c. There was a question about whether or not sustainability is currently listed as a CSU value. For those who are interested in CSU's current mission and values: <https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/welcome/mission-values/>

- d. A note about making sustainability a value and making the second half of the statement read more like a commitment/promise rather than a current reality will be included in the draft forwarded to President McConnell so we can get her input on those two items.
  - e. PSC voted to move the draft statement forward to President McConnell for next steps.
4. Stephanie Clemons and Ryan Barone– Opportunities with Student Success Initiative – 15 minutes
- a. First four weeks initiative. There is urgency for early performance feedback early in the semester. This initiative aims to improve on student success. Student performance by week four of the semester is correlated not only with the end of semester expectation but also correlated with graduation likelihood.
  - b.
  - c. 2018 pilot included 28 faculty from 3 colleges which impacted 6,000 students
  - d. After initial pilot, there has been a dramatic increase in the participation of performance feedback reporting from faculty
  - e. Classroom strategies are taught to faculty around community building
  - f. First 15 minutes, first class, first four weeks, first semester strategies
  - g. Tips sheets and presentation are attached with the minutes
5. Review of new green.colostate.edu website – 15 minutes
- a. Please send any other updates/suggestions to Kirstie
  - b. Will be live no later than February 7<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Thanks so much to Brenton and Steve for contributing their time to this revamp effort
  - d. Andrew – Can we add Olivia’s planner to site?
  - e. Add the campus events calendar green (sustainability) listing
6. PSC Budget – 15 minutes
- a. Goal is to send it to President McConnell by 1/31
7. Member Updates – 15 minutes
- a. Aaron – would like to reinstate the building standards working group. New bus route from Greeley and Windsor to Fort Collins. All employees can ride with employee pass. ATFAB put in \$20,000 to support this new bus route.
  - b. Beth –Ken Shockley is hosting environmental philosophy talks on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Liberal Arts and the environment event consisting of 3 hours of ted talks. During the 4<sup>th</sup> hour there will be a history and political science, environment at the borderlands talk. Beth will send more details in the next month.
  - c. Aleta – Applications for Global Challenges Research Teams and Resident Fellows with a new model are now open.
  - d. Julie - Poudre River Forum on Feb 28 around water quality. Water tables fundraiser on April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Mary – RecycleMania competition starts on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Annual Waste Audit will be on March 4<sup>th</sup> in the LSC Plaza, save the date to participate: <https://signup.com/go/TNonGzo>
  - f. Stacey – Climate Wise report for City completed with help from Sheela and Aaron. We are a Climate Wise Platinum partner for the 11<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
  - g. Tim Kemp – CAP update 1/27 for student and faculty/staff inputs
  - h. Tonie – April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the PSC Milestone and Recognition Event. Tonie will start collecting those recognitions now. Please send any awards/recognitions her way.