

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

February 15th, 2016, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present: Carol Dollard – Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn – Facilities Management
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Ann Bohm-Small – Administrative Professional Council
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering
Aleta Weller - SoGES
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Kelsey Silver – ASCSU
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Allen Padilla – CSURF
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Neyda Gilman – Libraries
Jocelyn Hittle – Denver Operations
Dell Rae Ciaravola – Public Relations
Bill Timpson – College of Health and Human Sciences
Kirstie Tedrick – STARS Graduate Student

1. Composting Presentation

- a. Susanne Cordery from Facilities Management is requesting letter of support from the PSC advocating for a composting proposal to the University Facility Fee Advisory Board (UFFAB).
- b. The request to UFFAB is for a total of \$274,300.
- c. The current composting facility on the Foothills Campus can only handle 1/3 of waste from dining halls. The rest of the waste from the dining halls is taken to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- d. There is a strong desire to compost all waste at CSU.
- e. The proposal to UFFAB is to build a windrow composting facility, which consistently moistens and turns waste to generate compost.
- f. Many other compostable materials such as cups and utensils are going into landfill rather than being composted.
- g. The composting project would provide a venue for more comprehensive composting options.
- h. There will be many research and internship opportunities for students at the composting facility.
 - i. The facility would serve as a learning lab for students in Soil and Crop Sciences, Ecology, and other programs.
 - ii. Students could also be taken on educational tours of the facility.
- i. Mount Manure on the Foothills Campus will be the location of the new compost facility.
- j. Compost will be used for flower beds, large landscape projects around campus, and at the Horticulture Center.
- k. The facility will have a storm water retention pond, groundwater protection, odor control, and vector (pest) control.
- l. The project will need a survey, a design of the grading and compaction, equipment, documentation and permits.
- m. Other funding sources like a nominal fee for users, a new program from Administration, the Energy Revolving Fund, and grants are being pursued for this facility.
- n. The state requires all facilities to prepare a closure plan before start so if the project is abandoned, there is a plan to close it.

- o. Susanne has involved the Poudre School District in initial conversations about this facility but the facility cannot accept any waste outside of CSU, per regulation.
- p. The first composting facility on the Foothills Campus will still operate. However, it has mechanical challenges and is 5 years into its 15 year life span.
- q. Facilities Management is actively looking to increase the amount of composting receptacles around campus.
- r. The Committee was presented a memo endorsing the project and members agreed with supporting the project.

2. Strategic Plan Update

- a. The Strategic Plan will be a collection of goals generated from the retreat in January.
- b. After completion, the Strategic Plan of the President's Sustainability Committee will be sent to Administration.
- c. If you missed the Retreat and would like to join a sub-committee, please reach out to one of the leaders listed below -
 - i. Academic and Research – Tony Rappe and Aleta Weller
 - ii. Engagement – Stacey Baumgarn and Tim Broderick
 - iii. Operations – Carol Dollard and Aaron Fodge
 - iv. Planning and Administration – Allen Padilla and Tonie Miyamoto
- d. Tonie and Carol would like to send the Strategic Plan to Administration by early April so please have your goals complete by end of March.
- e. The Strategic Plan can use both STARS and the University's Strategic Plan as guidelines.
- f. Uses the University's SP as a framework too.

3. Flying Petition

- a. Tony Rappe began a presentation about a flying petition.
- b. 9% of the University's GHG footprint is air travel related and there is an opportunity to reduce footprint by flying less.
- c. Tony shared a petition to count all university related travel (no matter how funded), support reduction, and establish benchmarks to reduce air travel emissions.
- d. 56 academics across the world signed this petition.
- e. Webinars are becoming a good alternative to flying to meetings and conferences.
- f. Tony believes the vast majority of this air travel involves faculty going to conferences.
- g. Tony has received pushback within his department for endorsing this idea.
- h. This topic would make a good SOURCE story instead of email blast with a link to survey.
- i. There is a robust video conferencing service provided by the Library, called BlueJeans, which can be available by contacting Chris Chagnon here in the library. His email is Chris.Chagnon@colostate.edu and phone is 1-1886.

4. EV Memo

- a. Aaron Fodge shared a memo with a goal of CSU's fleet to have a standard of EVs.
- b. The memo also supports charging infrastructure.
- c. Alternative transportation users should have the ability to travel via motor pool vehicle for work related trips.
- d. Aaron is asking for committee's support on a memo.
- e. The memo is meant to codify a standard for electric vehicles.
- f. Aaron will send the memo out asking for comments and approval at the next PSC meeting.

5. State of Sustainability Website

- a. Tonie demoed a snapshot website meant to impress external audiences and give quick highlights of sustainability facts. This snapshot website is not meant to list every initiative and program of the University.
- b. The website calls out awards and accolades.

- c. It feeds into SOURCE and Green.Colostate.edu for more detailed information on projects and programs.
- d. March 21st is the potential launch date of the website– let Tonie know of conflicts.
- e. Think of businesses and other entities with ties to the University that can promote this website, i.e. City of Fort Collins, NREL, etc.

Next Meeting – Monday, March 21st, 1:00-2:30 – Dr. Frank and Vice President Lynn Johnson will be in attendance.