



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

Minutes

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 1:00-2:30 pm

**Virtual Meeting**

1. Introductions – 5 minutes
  - a. PSC Intern – Bryn Hall
  - b. Tony Rappe, Sheela Backen, Tonie Miyamoto, Kirstie Tedrick, Carol Dollard, Sam Moccia, Monica Latham, Mark Ritschard, Rodolfo Valdes Vasquez, Brian Dunbar, Jacob VanderRoest, Bryn Hall, Tonie Miyamoto, Farrah Bustamante, Greg Lewis, Tim Brennan, Alicia Armentrout, Mindy Hall, Aleta Weller, Adam Vance, Mark Paquette, Mark Govaki, Stacey Baumgarn, Sara Campbell, Mary Liang, Ryan Scott, Aaron Fodge, Matt Wallenstein.
2. [CSU is the Top Performer among Doctoral Institutions by AASHE](#) for the second year! – 5 minutes
  - a. We have been in the top for the past 7 years. Currently Aiming for late 2022 for our next STARS submission. Acknowledged in several of the individual categories as well.
3. Air Travel Offset Update – 10 minutes
  - a. Carol shared the policy is moving forward and has been reviewed by OGC and BFS. The small fee (\$15 on domestic flights and \$25 on international flights) on university paid travel will go directly towards CSU carbon reduction projects. Shoutout to Aaron Fodge, Stacey Baumgarn, Tony Rappe, Bill Timpson and more who helped with the proposal on the working group. The proposal began in 2017. Tonie will work with MarComm on a communications plan, earliest launch date may be in January 2022.
4. CSU Experts database – 10 minutes
  - a. [https://newsmediarelations.colostate.edu/contacts/?search\\_query=sustainability&posts\\_per\\_page=50&wpas\\_id=contacts-form&wpas\\_submit=1](https://newsmediarelations.colostate.edu/contacts/?search_query=sustainability&posts_per_page=50&wpas_id=contacts-form&wpas_submit=1)
  - b. Managed by MarComm, this database is intended to help media and interested parties quickly find reliable and timely sources and subject matter experts for specific topics across the University. Folx listed need to be willing to talk to media and commit to timely responses. Topics can be searched by key word. This project is in the very beginning phase and is a work in progress. If there are any pressing updates that need to be made now, please submit to [news@colostate.edu](mailto:news@colostate.edu). A form will be coming soon to help manage new listings and edit existing listings so stay tuned.
  - c. Tonie has linked the sustainability key word list under About Us on [green.colostate.edu](http://green.colostate.edu) as we often receive inquiries for experts or contacts from both internal and external folx.
  - d. This database is focused on media (rather than identifying folx who can speak to K-12 groups, give tours, be a guest lecturer, etc.).
5. Update on CST Goals – 10 minutes
  - a. All the drafting groups had a deadline of November 15 to have their goals in. There were two workshops for the CST drafting groups to come together and get a sense of the big picture and start to explore themes and next steps. DEIJ and Sustainability are centered in the CST process and appeared in many goals from many different groups, often with a slightly different perspective or angle. The goals themselves are broad and there are over 80 total. Over the next several weeks, VP Jenelle Beavers and

her team will be working on creating a draft to be presented to the BOG in February. There is a survey coming out soon to give folx another opportunity to provide feedback. As of right now, the sustainability drafting group is officially done! We learned in this process that there are many perspectives, priorities, and visions for sustainability and there is no one easy answer so please consider the goals submitted still a work in progress.

6. December Meeting and January Retreat – 15 minutes
  - a. We will take a hiatus in December from meeting. Enjoy winter break!
  - b. January Retreat. This is a STARS collection year so we can dig into credits in addition to reviewing progress on our strategic plan, which we updated last spring. Be on the lookout for a Doodle poll to schedule a day/time on January 13 or 14. If you have any ideas for catering, please let Tonie, Carol or Kirstie know. Greg Lewis offered to reserve the Alumni Center conference space for the retreat if we want to meet on campus.
  
7. Sustainability Video – 5 minutes
  - a. MarComm wants to create a series of sustainability videos for CSU. We are hoping to have the first done in spring and we need some specific footage that is challenging to get this time of year. To highlight food security, please let us know if you have high-quality farm or harvest footage. International sustainability research footage would be helpful too. Looking for mostly drone shot or B roll rather than talking heads.
  - b. Aleta - SoGES has had some international research teams. Will check on footage.
  - c. Matt Wallenstein – may have some recent farm footage. I'd suggest reaching out to Anna Gerber, director of CAS communications
  
8. Member Updates – 30 minutes
  - a. Sam Moccia (SSC) – Lots of cross-collaboration projects going on. Theme surrounding textiles, recycling, and thrift. This project will be called the patchwork initiative. Its aim is focused on education repair and reuse for clothing. Sonali Diddi in Design and Merchandising is the faculty advisor. As for now, it will be a pop up for clothing swap or a restorative program. This is led by SSC and supported by the Zero Waste Team and Eco Leaders. Advisory committee is being conceptualized.
    - i. Would like to see search engines on campus change to ecosia – takes ad revenue to do restorative projects like planting trees. If your department is interested in taking this on or if you have questions, please reach out.
    - ii. Coalition of sustainability organizations is coming back together to meet bi-weekly, any interested student orgs please reach out to join or utilize the coalition as an advisory group.
  - b. Earth Month update dates/topics assigned for weeks. There will be 5 weeks of topics. March 28<sup>th</sup> – through the end of April. Please have all events/programs into Tonie and Kirstie for print materials by March 1. Online pieces by March 11<sup>th</sup>. There may be one poster per week but leaning towards only one poster for the month. QR code attached to see more details about each individual event. The Earth Day Festival will be on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> to allow for rain dates on either that Thursday or Friday. Week 1: Water (March 27<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>), Week 2: Waste Management/Curbing Waste/Reducing food waste (April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>), Week 3: Energy Consumption (10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>), Week 4: Transportation (17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>), Week 5: BIPOC/Environmental Justice (24<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>).
  - c. Brian Dunbar – There will be three episodes on Rocky Mountain PBS called Heart of a Building with 30-minute episodes starting this Sunday at 10am. This week's episode features L'Avenir, a regenerative housing project with four units right by the public library. They create 15% more energy that they use. Starting to look for new projects next year so going to do this throughout 2022. IBE is very excited to be part of this program.
  - d. Tony Rappe – Education sub-committee met to review the proposals for the curriculum innovation grant. 17 proposals submitted this year. Large impact and great proposals were submitted. We funded three of them but hope there are more resources to fund a few more.

- e. Aleta Weller – Is there an opportunity to look for more funding for the curriculum proposals? Will send them to Tonie and Carol to send over to Janelle on behalf of the PSC to seek funding. Connect it to the CST goals. Have the whole team and sub-committee listed that reviewed these.
- f. Jacob – Graduate student chapter of the SSC. First meeting this week was with about 20 graduates. Grant writing workshop on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you know of any graduate students who are interested in sustainability send them his way. Please encourage graduate students to reach out to [sscgradchapter@colostate.edu](mailto:sscgradchapter@colostate.edu).
- g. Carol – Climate Action Plan update was supposed to be in 2020, but got COVID'd. Finally circling back around to it and hope to have it out for public feedback in early 2022. Any questions feel free to reach out to me. Awarded project of the year for GeoX project! <https://www.enr.com/articles/52678-csu-moby-geo-exchange-best-project-project-of-the-year-best-project-excellence-in-safety-best-project-excellence-in-sustainability>
- h. Tonie – Bringing back the PSC Recognition and Milestones event during Earth Week. Please send any acknowledgements/milestones/recognition to Kirstie and Tonie by March 1. Can submit for 2020 and 2021 as we did not hold this event last year.
- i. Mary Liang – The PSC Sustainability Fund awarded 4 projects and hope to announce the awardees soon. Working with Tim to finalize finances.
- j. Aaron Fodge – ATFAB has announced their call for projects. \$250,000-300,000 available for transportation related projects or programs this year. <https://atfab.colostate.edu/project-proposal-submission-form/>