

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

October 20th, 2014, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

Members Present: Amy Parsons - Vice President for University Operations
Lorie Smith - Director, Training and Organizational Development and University Initiatives
Carol Dollard - Facilities Management
Tonie Miyamoto - Housing and Dining Services, Student Affairs
Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Cary Weiner – CSU Extension
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Brian Dunbar – Institute for the Built Environment
Jake Drenth – Surplus Property
Jess Parker – College of Engineering
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Science, Education and Outreach
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate Student Council
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Ann Bohm – Small – Administrative Professional Council
Chanin Tilakamonkul – Facilities Management
Kathleen Henry - CSURF

1. STARS Update – 5 minutes

- The official STARS 2.0 report will be submitted within the next several weeks.
- Last February, the 1.2 version was submitted and CSU was ranked first place at a Gold level.
- Past scores will not be taken into consideration in the 2.0 model.
- The submittal may be in the 86-87.5 range, which would qualify as the first Platinum University.

2. Fair-trade America Update – 10 minutes

- Connor Schmidt updated the Committee about the progress of CSU's Fair Trade Certification.
- The University needs to acquire a fifth badge in the certification system to become certified.
- ASCSU has approved of the process with a resolution to become certified.
- The student group is asking for an endorsement from the President's Sustainability Committee.
- Impacts if certified for CSU:
 - Purchasing
 - Accessibility
- Specific impacts to be mindful of:
 - Dining halls
 - Catering
 - Break rooms
 - Stores
 - Education-spreading awareness of initiative
 - Acknowledgment - standardized fair trade and local logos
 - Maintaining certification, Center for Fair and Alternative Trade has volunteered to assist.

Questions -

- Are the dining halls and the LSC aware of the initiative?
 - Yes but each dining hall has operational and purchasing differences.
 - Durrell Express already carries fair trade products.
- Who issues the certification?
 - "Fair trade campaigns" would issue it to the University once resolution passes.

- What other products are you trying to get certified?
 - Mostly focusing on food and merchandise
- Will this committee be kept up to speed with this progress?
 - Yes.
- Is there specific language our endorsement message should have?
 - The student group would be happy with any language Dr. Frank is comfortable with.

Next Steps -

- The PSC voted support the Free Trade America Certification
- Tonie volunteered to take the initiative up through Amy Parsons for President Tony Frank's signature.

3. Updates from Members – 25 minutes

- **Tonie Miyamoto** –
 - Dr. Heather Hackman presented a TILT workshop on “Teaching Sustainability through a Race, Color, and Gender Justice Lens Across the Curricula” on October 7.
 - Tonie would like to invite Heather back to campus to engage more faculty, perhaps as a Phase II of the PSC's Developing Sustainability Curriculum initiative.
 - TILT, SoGES, and Student Affairs are meeting this month to discuss options.
- **Jake Drenth** –
 - The bike library should be operational within 2-3 weeks.
- **Stacey Baumgarn** -
 - CAP working groups have been meeting, which has been successful.
 - How do we determine the alignment between specific CAP strategies and specific SPARCs?
 - The Department of Education has created an award called Green Ribbons Schools for Higher Education.
 - Stacey and Becca are working on the University's application for the award.
 - CSU could be one of the first universities recognized by this program.
- **Brian Dunbar** –
 - Four representatives from IBE are attending Green Build in New Orleans; a conference about worldwide green build initiatives.
 - Will report back with information.
- **Sheela Backen** –
 - Just turned in the game day challenge recycling results
 - 71% diversion rate
- **Cary Weiner** –
 - A renewable energy club is forming on campus and Cary will serve as the group's advisor.
 - The goal of the club is to help students understand opportunities to develop careers in alternative energy.
 - Will meet monthly
- **Esther Duke** –
 - In partnership with CU, CSU is now a hub for a 10 year research initiative called Future Earth.
 - There are 5 hubs internationally, CSU/CU is only US hub.
 - New masters program- Green House Gas Management Accounting
 - Masters Program is offered by the College of Business and Warner College of Natural Resources
- **Aaron Fodge** -
 - Attended the Green Sports Alliance meeting in Denver with Doug Max.
 - Meeting about game day transportation options.
 - Exploring the option of implementing a bike valet.
 - Recommends becoming a member of alliance.
- **Carol Dollard** –
 - 6 new solar systems are being installed on rooftops
 - Braiden Hall
 - Rec Center
 - University Center for the Arts
 - Parmalee Hall

- Edwards Hall
- VTH

4. PSC FY16 Budget Request

- Lorie Smith and Amy Parsons led the discussion of the changes to the SPARC process.
- Strategic plans and budget may need to incorporate communications and reporting.
- SPARC process is changing.
 - SPARCs are aligned with broad institutional goals.
 - Review and refresh goals associated with strategic priorities.
 - Review Board is made up of cabinet members.
 - Create recommendations and priorities for funding requests.
- SPARCS:
 - Student Success
 - Research & Scholarship
 - Engage with Communities
 - Infrastructure/Operations
 - Personnel and Inclusivity
- Currently, there are 16 University goals of the newly arranged SPARCs
- Current tasks for SPARC Committees
 - Does the committee have the right membership?
 - Are the committee's goals correct (total <15)?
 - Is the committee using the right metrics?
- Next steps for SPARC Committees
 - Get input and clarity on all of the above tasks
 - Edit goals to reflect input
 - Prioritize budget needs
 - Attend SPARCFest – Amy will represent the PSC
 - Submit formal budget requests

Questions-

- What is the best path to work PSC priorities into the budget?
 - Amy suggests the PSC send a representative to serve on each SPARC committee.
 - PSC must identify the top 3-4 strategic priorities, including base funding and priorities.
 - Volunteers should look at each SPARC individually to ensure sustainability is being represented in each SPARC.
- How broadly should the PSC define sustainability? Should all SPARCS have a diversity/sustainability component to them, or should diversity/sustainability have their own SPARC?
 - Diversity and sustainability should be incorporated into all SPARCS.
 - STARS represents broad facets of sustainability and the PSC could use those categories.
 - Will require deeper conversation and consideration.

Next Meeting – Monday, November 17th, 1:00-2:30 pm, The Pavilion at Laurel Village