

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

June 16th, 2014, 1:00-2:30 pm

TILT 104

1. Introductions –

Several new representatives have joined the committee to represent previously un-represented areas.

- Colleen Duncan - College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science
- Erin Heim – Administrative Professional Council
- Skip Smith – Warner College of Natural Resources
- Mark Ritschard – College of Engineering
- Jesse Parker - College of Engineering

2. Georgetown University Energy Prize –

- The Georgetown University Energy Prize is an award that the City of Fort Collins is currently pursuing.
- The award carries a \$5 million prize and is given to communities leading the way in energy efficiency.
- The award only focuses on residential sectors; therefore, the University cannot apply.
- The Fort Zed sector of the City has asked for a signed letter of support from the President's Sustainability Committee.
- The letter is very general and does not require any specific examples of initiatives.
- The PSC unanimously agreed that the committee should sign the letter of support.
- Carol will send the letter to Amy Parsons for final approval/signature.

3. PSC Website –

- Stacey and Becca have been working with Gretchen to refresh green.colostate.edu.
- The committee has had difficulty in determining the best use and application of the website.
- There has never been a department completely owning and managing the website.
- The majority of the content on the website links to other websites with more detailed information.
- The committee wants to avoid letting some content live solely on green.colostate.edu
- The refreshing of the website will include PSC minutes and a list of committee representation.
- Because PSC works on a de-centralized model, the list of representation should thoroughly outline the structure of the committee and each member's strongest area of expertise, for better question navigation.
- PSC does not have a budget to hire a web manager.
- Becca will send Gretchen all content, including mission statement and membership representation, for updating.

4. Climate Action Plan –

- In 2008, CSU committed to ACUPAC (American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment) to become climate neutral, not outlining why or how.
- By committing to this, the University agreed to complete annual Green House Gas inventories and to submit updates to the Climate Action Plan every two years.
- The Climate Action Plan is a living document outlining the various strategies needed to attain climate neutrality by 2050. It can be updated at any time.
- The document is very energy focused, as that is the biggest area of the University's footprint.
- The City of Fort Collins also has a goal of becoming climate neutral by 2050. CSU's plan aligns well with the City's.
- The City has a mid-way goal of 80% reduction by 2030.
- The most recent update to CSU's CAP is due in 6 months (January 2015).
- Carol and Stacey are working towards formalizing working groups of 5-6 people to review different sections of the CAP. An email with more specific details will be sent to the committee.

- Anyone interested in reviewing the Climate Action Plan should contact Carol Dollard.
- Carol distributed a worksheet outlining details of the CAP strategies. Committee members should review this document to ensure that it is complete and accurate.
- Eventually, the updated CAP will be posted on ACUPAC system, will be found on green.colostate.edu, and will be shared with President Frank and Amy Parsons.
- At a future meeting, a city representative will speak to the committee about the City's plan to become carbon neutral.

5. Updates from Members –

- **Aaron Fodge** – Aaron has been awarded a grant and will provide more details soon. MAX has been very successful and many citizens have requested extending night service. Aaron is looking to increase the speed MAX buses are allowed to travel on campus. The Downtown Business Association will soon give lunch discounts at certain restaurants for MAX bus riders. Over the summer, admissions will take new students to lunch downtown using the MAX.
- **Colleen Duncan** – Colleen is new to the committee and represents CVMBS. Within the College, many individuals are starting small energy efficiency initiatives.
- **Aleta Weller** – SoGES is in the middle of their annual reporting process. They are also beginning curriculum development. SoGES will provide resources for professors wanting to tailor their courses to the sustainability definition accepted by STARS. An RFP with more information will be sent this summer. This program is funded by the “path to platinum”.
- **Jacob Kimiecik** – The Student Sustainability Center has created a database of all sustainability related organizations, initiatives, and projects on campus. Students will be able to use this database to get involved.
- **Tim Broderick**– Tim is still looking for volunteers to help at the Tent Sale. The Tent Sale will be open Saturday, June 21st from 8-4 and Sunday, June 22nd from 8-2. At the sale, items left over from the residence halls will be sold to the public. The sale will be held at the intersection of Lake and Mason. All profits go to the EcoLeaders. To sign up to volunteer, please click here - <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/957929288092>
- **Brian Dunbar** – Coors Field has a garden which is managed by CSU students in the Landscape Architecture and Horticulture departments. Many of the concessions include produce from this garden. The Fort Collins Housing Authority is completing a housing project for retired veterans, homeless people, people with disabilities, and others in need of housing. This collective housing project will provide job training, work skill development, and counseling to its residents. The housing project is called Red Tail Ponds and is just south of the MAX South Transit Center. Surrounding business will employ residents of Red Tail Ponds. The project will be completed in January.
- **Doug Max**– The stadium has been taking much of Doug's time. ICON would like to revisit PSC to get more input. The stadium is targeting LEED Gold. Over the summer, the expenses of the stadium will be fine tuned.
- **Scott Allen** – International Programs has a wide variety of study abroad programs and internships with a sustainability focus for students to consider. Programs like conservation leadership and sustainable ventures are popular. There are many programs over the summer, as well.
- **Tonie Miyamoto**- Several CSU presentation proposals were accepted by AASHE. Meagan, Carol, Tonie, and Tim all had proposals accepted and they will present at the conference in Portland in October. Hopefully, more CSU faculty and staff will attend the conference as well. Durrell Center is open over the summer but the landscape around Durrell is being redone. The interior of Durrell achieved LEED-CI Platinum and several other awards. Aggie Village deconstruction will begin at the end of the month.

Next meeting: Monday, July 21st, 1-2:30 pm, TILT 104