

President's Sustainability Committee

Minutes

March 9th, 2015, 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
Sheela Backen – Facilities Management
Aaron Fodge – Department of Parking and Transportation
Jesse Parker – College of Engineering
Paul Doherty – Faculty Council
Andrew Warnock – College of Natural Sciences, Education and Outreach
Annabelle Berklund – Graduate Student Council
Esther Duke – Warner College of Natural Resources
Colleen Duncan – CVMBS
Ann Bohm – Small – Administrative Professional Council
Kathleen Henry – CSURF
Tim Broderick – Housing and Dining Services
Jocelyn Hittle – Denver Initiatives
Aleta Weller – SoGES
Doug Max – Athletics
Kortny Ralston – Public Relations
Tony Rappe – College of Natural Sciences
Andrew Oringer – ASCSU
John Roos – ASCSU

1. Earth Week – 10 minutes

- a. Tonie's office will soon begin the Earth Week marketing campaign.
 - i. Historically, Earth Day and Earth Week have been separate in marking material but this year, Tonie's office will most likely combine the two for continuity.
 - ii. Tonie is open to suggestions for marketing.
- b. If you are hosting an Earth Week/Day event, send your event details to Tonie for inclusion on printed marketing and Gretchen Menand for inclusion on the website.
 - i. The deadline to send print material to Tonie is March 23rd.
- c. Posters will be sent to departments through campus mail and will be available for pick up at Tonie's office.
- d. The marketing material will also appear on the digital signs around campus.
- e. The PSC Earth Week Subcommittee will meet on **Monday, March 23rd from 1:00-2:30 pm in LSC 322.**
- f. The list below is the schedule of Earth Week events, so far -

April 20:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Carpool to Coffee
- 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Sustainability Jobs Fair (LSC Ballroom A & B) SSC initiative and ASCSU career fair

April 21:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Bus to Barista
- 6:00 pm-7:00 pm: WCNR Speaker Shelton Johnson (Behavioral Sciences)

April 22:

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Earth Day Festival & Alternative Transportation Fair (LSC West Sculpture Garden)
- 2:00 pm-7:30 pm: SoGES Public Land GCRT Symposium (LSC Greyrock Room)
- 2:00 pm-Tree Campus USA Planting Ceremony (Danforth)

April 23:

- 7:30 am-9:15 am: Bike to Breakfast
- SoGES Public Land GCRT Symposium (LSC Rooms 228-230)
- 12:00 pm-1:00 pm: Longboard to Lunch
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Earth, Sun, and Fire Tour (solar array, composter, and biomass boiler on Foothills Campus)
- 5:30 pm: Women, Population, and Environment with SoGES Environmental Justice GCRT panel discussion (Avo's)

April 24

- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Compost Giveaway and Ewaste Collection (Moby Parking Lot)
- TBD: SoGES Biodiversity Working Group Workshop "Pollinator Landscaping for Urban Sustainability" (TBD)

April 25

- 8:00 am-4:00 pm: CSUnity

Still to be Confirmed:

- SoGES Ignite
- College Council Trivia Night at Ramskeller
- ASCSU Movie

2. DIA Redevelopment – 45 minutes

- a. At the retreat, many PSC members asked to have the opportunity to weigh in on large construction projects/partnerships.
- b. Jocelyn Hittle, who has been leading the redevelopment of the National Western Center, has also been in early conversations with Denver International Airport about a potential redevelopment in and around the airport.
 - i. The airport is 20 years old and is entering a new planning phase.
 - ii. Planning phase could include inside the airport and the area around the airport.
 - iii. Planning conversations are very early and still developing; nothing formal is in place yet.
- c. The airport is interested in maximizing its resources in the most sustainable way possible.
 - i. DIA and the National Western Center have many overlapping themes and visions.
- d. President Frank was a keynote speaker at the 2014 Aerotropolis Conference and he highlighted the importance of edge ecosystems, where the most productivity is generated from the edge of two ecosystems.
 - i. DIA has a responsibility of being both a service sector and a place where people work, eat, visits, etc.
 - ii. This responsibility will be reflected in the new planning effort.
- e. A main vision of the redevelopment will focus on innovative, diverse, and sustainable food production. The following items are up for discussion/thought with DIA
 - i. Pathways to Food (high value foods)
 - ii. Food Shed Demonstrations
 - iii. Teaching Farms and Certification Programs
 - iv. Living Walls
 - v. Agribusiness Incubators
 - vi. Partnership with Panasonic – light rail station influences
 - vii. Renewable energy phone charging station
- f. Other ideas from PSC
 - i. Compost from terminal waste to farms around airport
 - ii. Wildlife habitat maintenance/information
 - iii. Rangeland ecosystem maintenance/information
 - iv. Freight on light rail?
 - v. Food trucks/microbrews in terminal
 - vi. Food from DIA to Housing and Dining Services on Main Campus
 - vii. Information on travel meal prep

- viii. Involvement of restaurant/hotel management students
 - ix. Educational displays of sustainability at CSU
 - x. Interactive voting displays for student projects
 - xi. Windmill experimentation
- g. Jocelyn will update the PSC on the conversations with DIA as they develop.

3. Updates from Members – 30 minutes

Doug Max – The Stadium project is still working to finalize details of the project. The budget is being formalized and construction will begin this summer.

John Roos – He has a project to incorporate sustainability into all majors. STARS evaluates sustainability learning outcomes so John will try to focus on those.

Stacey Baumgarn – Stacey has been working with the VTH on a Green labs initiative to reduce energy consumption in labs, which is going well.

Aleta Weller – SoGES will soon be opening a proposal for Sustainability Leadership Fellows, who may be interested in intensive leadership training. SoGES is also accepting applications for their high school summer sustainability. CSU and CU are the US hubs for Future Earth and the Director of the program will be at CSU this week to see the campus.

Colleen Duncan – The One Health Director is close to being hired. Once the Director is fully hired, Colleen will share her idea of how CVMBS can be more sustainable.

Aaron Fodge – Aaron has been involved in the West Central Area Plan with the City, as well as the West Elizabeth Enhanced Corridor Plan, which will reevaluate the pedestrian and bicycle transit needs of West Elizabeth. This plan might come to the PSC for review. There will also be a PR announcement coming to campus after Spring Break that outlines the upcoming parking changes.

Tim Broderick – Due to snow last week, the Waste Audit has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 4th** on the Plaza by Computer Science. They are still in need of volunteers. An email with the link to volunteer will be sent to the PSC soon.

Sheela Backen – Recyclemania Updates – Overall, CSU is in 27th place out of 218 Universities. In the Waste Minimization category, CSU is 23rd of 142 and in Food Organics, CSU is 86th of 174. The competition ends the last week of March. It would be a good time for faculty and staff to clean their offices and recycle old files. Also, the EPA would like to give CSU a certification of recognition for food waste diversion.

Carol Dollard – The Braiden solar system is producing electricity and the Rec Center is close to producing. The Rec Center system might be the largest in town when it is complete. The City has passed their accelerated climate action plan which has encouraged CSU to develop an intermediate goal within their CAP. Lastly, Carol will send a list of “energy pigs”, i.e. poorly performing buildings to the PSC.

Next meeting: Monday, April 20th 1:00-2:30 in TILT 104