Sustainability Steering Committee Agenda – 7/30/2020

1. PSC updates
   1. Supplier diversity efforts
      1. Currently in the planning stages of identifying barriers to working with small/local/minority-owned businesses. Will finish a plan within the next month or so.
   2. Category strategy
      1. Integrating sustainability and supplier diversity into each spend category.
   3. CCI relationship evaluation
      1. CCI working group has been meeting and pulling input from campus students and faculty groups. Will be releasing a decision on the future our CU’s relationship with CCI within the next few weeks.
2. Campus concerns
   1. Food ware – compostable vs. recyclable vs. reusable options for grab and go dining
      1. Boulder will be spending ~$1 million on compostables for fall semester
      2. Will begin drafting an RFI for reusable food ware options with a system-wide approach.
         1. Kayla will work with Shondel on this.
         2. Considering ~1 year timeline for RFI/RFP
         3. AMC is getting ready for a dining hall next year, will need food ware options
         4. Wait until campus dining team work slows down, will work with committee members in the mean time
         5. Solution will be primarily for on-campus dining, not 3rd party vendors.
   2. COVID opportunities/challenges
      1. Virtual engagement
      2. Counter-sustainable ramifications
3. Student updates
   1. Students were left out of the conversation around pulling the RTD contract, will affect low-income students the most
   2. Students are still communicating while remaining distant. They are helping Heidi with the energy master plan
4. Campus updates
   1. Denver/AHEC
      1. AHEC is hiring a new full-time waste coordinator
      2. Going to start climate action planning
   2. Anschutz
      1. Not being on campus means that sustainability is being left out of decision making
   3. Colorado Springs
      1. Received funding for energy efficiency projects
      2. Shooting for December release of sustainability strategic plan
      3. Will report on AASHE STARS in February 2021, trying to figure out if they should scrap 2020 data and use previous year
   4. Boulder
      1. Will not be renewing PIPs contract again.
      2. Will be expanding E-bikes program - $500,000 in new purchases, expanding van pooling and bike share
      3. Committed to purchasing 15 MW through Xcel Connect
      4. Purchasing offsets for student government, fleets and travel. Desire to purchase as locally as possible. Want to lock in future offset purchase through Native Energy.
         1. The next project is one year out, purchasing now will decrease the price