

Sustainable Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - 08/25/2023

Introductions

- All SSC members to introduced themselves, their role, department structure details, etc...
- Reviewed who was NOT at the table and discussed who might be a good addition
 - Student representation is must, perhaps student government

The Thread of Sustainability - Kori Donaldson

- Kori shared insights into how sustainability is woven into many different projects/bodies of work across CU and how the SSC could impact/be impacted by that work
 - The goal here was to further examine cross functional opportunities and the benefits of inclusion

What	Type	Timing	Why	Responsible Party
System Sustainability Report	Report	Biennial: Due 2023	Report to President	VPBF
Campus Sustainability Report	Presentation to Regent's Finance Committee	Biennial Due: 2024	Regent Resolution	Campuses – Facilities Reviewed by VPBF
Strategic Plan Metrics (EUI, GHG Emissions, FCI/Deferred Maintenance Backlog)	Presentation to Regent's Finance Committee	Annual through 2026	Strategic Plan	VPBF
President's Sustainable Solutions Challenge	Competition	Annual	President's Initiative Funds	VPBF/Campus Designees
CU Design Review Board new project review	Review of construction design documents	4-5 meetings/project	Best practice. Supports strategic plan.	VPBF/DRB Sustainability Expert (appointed by President)
High Performance Certification Program	Program plan	Project specific	Statutory requirement	VPBF review of program plan ahead of submission to Regent's Finance Committee
Energy Performance Contracts	Presentation to Regent's Finance Committee	Project specific	If cost exceeds \$5.0 million – per Regent law	VPBF review ahead of submission to Regent's Finance Committee

Committee Overview / Focus / Cadence

- Shared the standing “SSC Overview” document, ask for edits/updates before next meeting
- Lock in future meeting cadence and meeting run time
 - The group decided to table this for future meetings, but agreed to continue to me as often as possible as the reassembly progresses
- Collectively discuss the primary areas/goals this group should focus on
 - BHAG- Open and rapid fire discussion on Big Hairy Audacious Goals for the SSC-
 - Request a charge from the president
 - Seek to put the CU system back in the lead of US Higher Education Sustainability – How?
 - System wide efforts/goals/objectives
 - KPIs?
 - Sustainability = Climate – how do we answer/think/plan?
 - Do we have a theme? How do we build a narrative?
 - What are our dirty supply chain items?
 - Beef and Cement – LOOK INTO THESE
 - Building materials

Campus/PSC updates and priorities

- Each campus had an opportunity to run through their current priorities and any priorities/goals they have laid out for the upcoming 23/24 academic year
 - *All Campus to give an update on their sustainability and climate action plans*
- PSC-
 - Amazon
 - Dashboard/Sustainable Spend/GHG Impact measuring
 - Website updates
- UCCS-
 - UCCS will conduct a comprehensive sustainability assessment called STARS this fall and spring semesters. In conjunction with the assessment, we will perform a gap analysis and create a roadmap for future improvement
 - Assistance with collecting data for the purchasing category of STARS credits

RAN OUT OF TIME FOR ANYTHING FURTHER

- CU Denver-
- CU Boulder-

Legislative Updates / Impacts -

- Open forum for knowledge sharing surrounding legislation that may impact CU Sustainability work (Solar, Compost, Emissions, Carbon Neutrality, etc...)

Governance structure review -

Action items

- **Meet again in next 2 months**
- **Review opportunities to adjust the committees charge and how to broaden the net of inclusion**

Next meeting date/reminders

- **TBA**