

## **Sustainability Steering Committee Minutes – 11/3/2023**

### **Campus/PSC updates and priorities**

*Each campus will have an opportunity (approx. 5min each) to run through their current priorities and any priorities/goals they have laid out for the upcoming 23/24 academic year*

- CU Boulder- revised draft coming out this fall (climate action plan), scope 3 remains tough (purchased goods and service being the largest challenge), STARS reporting is coming up (breakout meeting with CUB and PSC to come) wanting to represent system level info as much as possible (Version 3)
- UCCS- STARS report coming up in Feb., Developing a post pandemic sustainability report, Recently deployed a sustainability culture survey, Working to deploy transportation survey (focusing on understanding existing alt transport modes and demand for more options), Battery recycling is a challenge (BlueStar will not accept alkaline batteries any longer) on the hunt for new supplier, Compost contamination continues to be tough
- CU Denver- Needs a new SSC representative (Jarrett and Hunter will review candidates), Recently bought their own digester to deal with food waste (look into pre or post consumer waste)
- CU AMC- Energy master plan is now in the funding phase (big break through), working to ensure the Energy Master Plan will be as comprehensive as possible, which will further support the climate action plan, using a 3rd party service provider to haul to compost facility (pilot program)
- Kori – Introduced the idea of a PSSC charged committee to the President, Working on putting together a breakout meeting ahead of final proposal of committee, Current SSC is very supportive of this proposal and potential transition
- PSC- Amazon, PSC is near completion of an update to their Sustainability website, Fisher Scientific QBR introduced some interesting opportunities (AMC RC1/RC2 energy/equipment audits, glove/tip recycling programs, Comprehensive Scope 3 reporting by 2027), Spend data to BlueStrike to further support Climate Action plan development, Hunter met with Ecovadis to explore options around a potential partnership to assist in System level scope 3 reporting in the future, Ed met with Dell and reviewed adjustments for \$ savings as well as carbon savings, discovered an opportunity to adjust standard computer equipment configs for campuses (1 curved screen vs 2 flat monitors = carbon savings). Brought to light that data similar to that of Dell's could be used in outreach and promotion efforts throughout the CU system and could apply to additional commodities.

### **Sustainability Steering Committee topics**

- Carbon offsets for travel – Great deal of interest in a potential fee charged within Concur when booking travel that would offset the emissions of flights being booked. CSU, ASU and other University are going with this approach. There is a need for research to understand how to deploy with CU.
  - Could be an opportunity to set default parameters in Concur to sort flights based on least emissions to greatest
- PSSC transition input – Committee unanimously supports this transition

- Compost-
  - Huge opportunity for some contract level adjustments, i.e.- as food supplier contracts move into renewal or RFP phases, work to incorporate stipulations regarding food packaging as well as requirements for utilizing composting as a waste stream
  - Look into options for on campus capacity for facilitating active composting on campus to alleviate downstream challenges with processors
    - What are the right components? – infrastructure, proper equipment and equipment operators will be needed
    - What are we trying to capture? – food waste only? Is packaging possible?
  - Underlying question – what packaging is acceptable? Need to set a standard for system.

#### Action items

- Layout specific KPIs, Goals, BHAG's that best suit this committee – Each committee member is currently working to complete an internal survey to capture the individual goals and desired KPIs for their office/campus. The survey will be complete by or before 12/15/23, at which time the results will be pooled and then reviewed in the December meeting. The committee will then identify up to 5 collective goals that they will support and work towards throughout the 2024 calendar year.
- Find correct student representation and extend invitation to December meeting – UCB student chair is currently vacant, UCCS has brought a student to the table that will attend the December meeting.

#### Next meeting date/reminders

- 1 Month (December 20th)