Sustainability Steering Committee Agenda – 11/17/2020

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1. Student updates
   1. Anschutz
   2. Boulder
      1. Olivia Crawford new CUSG sustainability chair
      2. Social justice – art exhibition of env. justice
      3. Bought offsets from Native Energy, talking about community solar
      4. Want to expand sustainability 101 on campus
   3. Colorado Springs
   4. Denver/AHEC
2. PSC updates
   1. Supplier diversity project
      1. Conducting peer review
      2. Supplier classification, clean up
   2. Working with Staples to remove sytrofoam products & work with facilities
   3. Category management – sustainability integration
3. Campus updates
   1. Anschutz
      1. Building new campus safety building – campus police, electronics security, first net zero building
   2. Boulder
      1. Energy master plan, clear funding mechanisms, hope to produce 80% of content for climate action plan
      2. Boulder City Council wants a shared micro-mobility system. B Cycle wants to electrify bike share system, will introduce e scooters
      3. Colorado energy office doing RFP in spring for front line workers, using e bikes as commuting vehicle
      4. Buff Sustainable Solutions Challenge will happen in Spring, not system wide
      5. Zero waste – not much diversion progress, need more work on front end
      6. Kicking off RFP committee for sustainability consulting services, LEED consultants.
      7. Using campus as a living lab
         1. FEMA grant $500,000,000 available, electrification
            1. https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/fy2020-nofo
         2. Quantifying resilience value add, main focus of NREL study
   3. Colorado Springs
      1. Sustainability summit, recorded, available online
      2. Sustainability strategic plan should be done by end of the year, still taking feedback
         1. https://sustain.uccs.edu/sustainability-summit-2020https://sustain.uccs.edu/sustain-plan
      3. Working on STARS
   4. Denver/AHEC
      1. Have authorized only two e scooter companies to work in city limits and campus limits, maybe geo-fenced. Limit the number on campus each day
      2. Finishing two freestanding bike shelters. Designed and built by students. Had a big problem with bike theft, discouraged students from biking to school
      3. Rolling out compost to institutional buildings
      4. Climate Action planning, with strong energy focus. Struggling to figure out what to do with RTD, no RTD fee currently.
      5. President’s Sustainable Solutions Challenge, still happening?
      6. Have some onsite solar, will need to pursue offsite community solar garden options
         1. Collective going in on an offsite system wide solar installation
         2. Ellen Edwards does this work for Boulder
         3. Currently there is a barrier in place – 120% of use max. **May change this legislative session and will change our options.**
         4. Jack’s Solar Garden is the first community solar garden in Boulder (agrovolatics)
         5. Value add if you add in battery storage, cheaper PPA pricing. Added value for resilience
4. Campus concerns
   1. US Election Results
      1. Coming stimulus dollars, depends on senate results in Georgia
      2. State level may be better source of action, maybe supported by federal funding
         1. Need to stay up to speed on what Governor Polis is focused on – electrification of fleets
         2. Job creation is primary aim
         3. Gov. affairs at each campus, are they coordinating with system level gov. affairs people
         4. Special relief – maybe coming from governor address today. Proposed $1.3 billion stimulus package. $220 million in shovel ready public works projects, at what level? Could that include electrification?
   2. CU Board of Regents Flip
      1. Green Revolving Fund system wide?
      2. Endowment – changing how this money is invested
      3. How will this affect us? More freely moving money? Or just more support? New reps have voiced more support for sustainability
         1. Historically, we have been extremely policy adverse. Could propose a sustainable procurement policy. Has to be teeth, has to be accountability.
         2. Need business plan, business case
         3. Start with something out of procurement. Take guidelines, require education, start a conversation with the board of regents. Have Regent Smith guide us in the process.
            1. How much time do we have with current group of regents? 2 years? 4 years? 6 years?
      4. President’s Sustainable Solutions Challenge revival?
   3. AASHE 2020 Sustainable Campus Index
      1. CSU is doing well with energy
      2. UCCS is seeing backsliding from last round of STARS reporting