Sustainability Steering Committee Meeting 4/6/2020

* Check in, everyone alive and well?
* UCCS
  + Kimberly Reeves filling in as interim sustainability director at UCCS
* Sustainability in a time of crisis
  + Stimulus investment for good
  + Building Back Better
  + Be ready to do something when funding becomes available, if stimulus money becomes available, be strategic. Funding for current projects on hold
  + How do we not lose momentum?
    - Prevent misinformation – send out university messaging around green cleaning products, etc.
    - AMC was making sustainability group to dispel myths. Maybe a new energy for preparation for times like this
  + How do we communicate during these times? AASHE provided talking points, ideas, navigation with staff and students. Jackie will send out
  + What did we do in the interim that will survive into the post-covid world?
    - Sustainability related policies/practices that may change
* Deferred Maintenance and Sustainability Working Group update
* Priorities from previous meeting
  + Aggregate purchase of electric fleet vehicles ~~and charging infrastructure (we can use the state agreement on charging infrastructure)~~
  + EE strategies – i.e., is/does an ESCo contract make sense at each of the campuses and if so, is an aggregate strategy worthwhile and potential?
  + Discuss focus committees – what would be their role and which ones make sense?
  + Earth Day celebrations
    - UCD, UCB, UCCS doing remote celebrations
      * UCCS doing Earth Day trivia through PIPs app, week long challenge, alumni & faculty who participated in first teach in spot lights
      * Keeping celebrations simple but worthwhile
    - Bigger issues (waste, air quality) vs. individual actions
      * First week of May, air quality awareness week - PPACG
  + Other aggregated purchasing (i.e. PIPs)
    - Are PIPs renewals still moving forward?
    - Big PIPs utilization increase (health and wellness, redemptions for food, fees/tuition, and REI) after going virtual, UCB gift funds will extend PIPs through the rest of the FY
    - $20,000 green action fund commitment from UCCS for next year