Sustainability Steering Committee Agenda – 9/28/2020

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1. Student updates
   1. Boulder – scope 3 accounting happening, working on energy master plan, no new legislation from student government
2. Campus updates
   1. Anschutz
      1. Jarrett on vacation
   2. Boulder
      1. Consulting services for LEED capital projects, will have this available to other campuses. Putting together review committee, will award within next two to three months. They can do energy modeling, studies.
      2. Electrification - $780,000 EPA grant secured for 2 electric buses
      3. Are we prepping for federal stimulus funding? Line up aggregate opportunities for investment of dollars
      4. FEMA resilience grants available? Using electric buses as mobile backup power
      5. Working on grant for Google to support transportation needs, coalition between campus and community. Examining investments for social justice components, opportunities
      6. Installed food pantry in student union, currently supporting ~300+ students
      7. Boulder housing partners has 40 properties (2,000 facilities), will be serving 4,000 people in City of Boulder, pitching to Google to support a bike program for low-income residents
      8. Putting together climate justice action plan, social justice deliverables
         1. https://www.providenceri.gov/sustainability/climate-justice-action-plan-providence/
   3. Colorado Springs
      1. Director being rehired if committee approves position, want two full time staff, maybe done by spring
      2. Have been talking about revolving funds, have been receiving rebates from lighting retrofits, can channel these funds to parking and transportation services
      3. Amy Wanek left, contributed significantly to energy savings projects, not sure if position will be rehired
      4. Sustainability strategic plan restarted, making website to solicit feedback, aligning with STARS and university strategic plan
      5. STARS reporting due in February
      6. PIPs AASHE presentation
      7. Colorado Springs Utility climate plan has been posted, coal power plant will be offline by 2023, but buffering with natural gas
      8. Green Action Fund adding 6th pillar – environmental justice
      9. Will create booklet/easy access guide to reference sustainability strategic plan
   4. Denver/AHEC
      1. Cassy, new waste diversion coordinator, will be focused on composting efforts
      2. Only have a 5% student return rate, vendors are leaving campus or suspending their rents until students return back to campus
      3. Trying to help facilities reduce work loads
      4. Environmental justice is a theme here as well, want to work on video series talking to community members.
3. Campus concerns
   1. Reusable food ware RFI planning
      1. Have compiled list of 21 questions for RFI
      2. ASU and Georgia have already done this, but our challenges may be different than theirs
      3. 3rd party vendors vs. in-house dining is a very different challenge/opportunity.
      4. Looking for washing station for containers
      5. UCCS had looked into Ozzi program expansion to dining halls for freshman students
   2. COVID opportunities/challenges/impacts
4. PSC updates
   1. Finishing supplier diversity project plan (Dave will give update)
   2. Dell now has EPEAT gold options, will affect our energy use and eco-spend on tablets, computers
   3. PPE procurement ramping down
   4. Ultra-low freezer projects