

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 10:00 a.m., CUE 518

ATTENDEES: Allyson King, Nick Prante, Jeff Gossard, Amy Whiteman, Trevor Alkire, Annie Fan, Sarah Larson, Gary Coyle, Gabby Rodriguez, Amanda Stahl, Rick Finch, Dwight Hagihara, Jonathan Stahl, Brian Shuffield, Phillip Sinapati, Dan Costello, Karee Shaw, Ryan Lazo, Gene Patterson

1. Call to Order - Amy Whiteman
2. Green Fund Project Updates - Amy Whiteman

The Greenhouse should be finished in January. We are working with the School of the Environment and student clubs to begin growing vegetation for restoration projects and potentially food security programs. A website and application form for greenhouse is in the final review stages and should be available soon. A student intern has been hired to assist in management of the greenhouse and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony around Earth Day, date to be finalized soon.

Chinook Solar Array in final PE review and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the semester.

3-D printing club is getting PE approval before completing construction on the extruder.

3. Road to Zero Waste - Amy Whiteman

Jason Sampson, Shawn Deeds, and Rick Finch were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the PAC12 and Unifi to promote recycling through education and outreach. A contest was held for an advertising slogan and t-shirts were handed out to promote recycling at the November 17 football game. There will be another zero waste event during the basketball game on February 22, 2019.

4. ESA Update - Trevor Alkire

Trevor will be presenting to the ASWSU for the adoption of UN sustainability initiatives. The hope is that the framework will provide a common goals language to provide unity across campus in achieving sustainability.

5. Mark Fenton, active transportation, April 16-18 - Amy Whiteman

The steering committee will be meeting this week to finalize the schedule for Mark Fenton's visit April 16-18. There continues to be an opportunity for financial partners interested in assisting with the visit.

6. Sustainability Fair, April 22 – Amy Whiteman

ASWSU ESA and Sustainability Department will be hosting the Sustainability Fair in the CUB Senior Ballroom on Monday, April 22. The Green Coug Awards will be presented by President Shultz. There are now advertisements and a webpage available for nominations. In addition, we hope to bring in departmental displays, research poster presentations, approved vendors, and community partners. WSU entities interested in hosting affiliated groups such as the Community Action Center, food distributors, and others are encouraged to do so.

7. Food Container Program – Sarah Larson

A reusable to go container system is being piloted at Northside with a limited number of participating students. The system is in the final stages of procurement and the study is likely to begin in February and run through April. The pilot will partner with a GreenOZZI, with reusable OZZI clam shell to-go containers, and a “backwards” vending OZZI vending machine. After a student participant takes out their meal, they return their reusable container to the machine so that they can be cleaned by dining services. Then, the student is free to pick up a clean container for their next takeout meal. For now, the cost is free to pilot participants; eventually there will be some kind of deposit system to ensure the return of containers for reuse.

8. Open Discussion

Annie Fan is working with Jason Sampson to reach out to potential Sustainability Fair participants including academic and non-academic departments, vendors, and RSOs. Invitation letters should be sent out shortly.

There has been some discussion regarding an effort to broaden the participation in the Sustainability Fair. In an effort to do so, we may reach out to all 9 colleges rather than limiting our solicitations to identified environmental sustainability programs. It was suggested that we use communications personnel within each college to do this.

Jonathan Stahl gave an overview of a sustainability survey completed through UREC/ORC. Also, he has a student employee interested in a seed pod giveaway program. Several folks had suggestions including seed stores to consider, plantable paper with wildflower seeds, and seeds to consider.

Ryan Lazo invited everyone to attend the 2019 Food Summit on January 25th and noted there were still student scholarships and volunteer opportunities available. Childcare provided. Look for a follow-up email from Ryan with the details.

NEXT MEETING: February 20, 2019
10:00 - 11:30, CUE 518