

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Public Safety Conference Room

**ATTENDEES:** Jason Sampson, Meagann Russell, Kynan Rutan, Lindsey Schnelle, Aydan Garland-Miner, Emily Carson, Nick Prante, Gene Patterson, Dominique Burgess, Joe Hunt, Emily Hogan, Gary Coyle, Dwight Hagihara, Jeff Gossard, Nigel Pickering, Julie Padowski, Rick Finch, Nathan Kite

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1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson

2. Green Fund Re-proposal – Jason Sampson

Jason Sampson worked with Sara Gleason, Renewable Energy Organization, to modify and answer questions regarding proposal to collect plastic bottles, heat and mold into new items. The following items were discussed: 1) College of Engineering has space for equipment if approved, 2) additional cost for appropriate personal protective equipment was added, and 3) plastics 1 & 2 need to be used because of melting properties and emissions concerns. Based on this information to GFB approve the project for \$2,500 assuming no ventilation modifications need to occur, and faculty advisor verifies project can successfully be completed for this amount.

3. Green Fund proposal – Meagann Russell, Kynan Rutan, Lindsey Schnelle

Meagann, Kynan and Lindsey, Environmental Science Club, proposed making composters. Using the Bokashi composter concept, ESC would host a workshop on how to make a composter, provide operational information, and educate students on how to use compost. The GFB unanimously approved \$4,000 to purchase materials to build composters under the following stipulations:

- Advertise project was funded by Green Fund
- Provide summary of project to SEC/GFB in fall semester 2020
- Provide location for students to drop of compost if they have not identified a location
- Follow-up with students to determine success of composters

4. Green Fund proposal – Aydan Miner and Emily Carons

Aydan and Emily proposed purchasing 1,000 OrganiCups (reusable menstrual product) to handout to students on campus. Period WSU will host a workshop, Cup & Cloth, where products would be distributed. Remaining products would be available at Women's Center and Period WSU. The GFB had several request and determined if they were provided clarifying information would vote electronically.

- Reach out to other universities that have had a similar program.
  - Western Washington University handed out 663 reusable menstrual products in a one day event
- Are the Organicups an approved medical product?

- The OrganiCup is made from 100% medical grade silicone, and is completely safe to wear inside the body. Medical grade silicones are tested for bio compatibility and are appropriate to be used for medical applications. Our medical grade silicone is in compliance with US Pharmacopoeia XXII Class VI (safe to be used inside the body for <29 days) and 21 CFR 177.2600. Further more, OrganiCup is certified hypoallergenic and toxin-free with Allergy Certified™ (AC104, AC223, AC382) and registered with the Vegan Society (Member no. 024025). Menstrual cups are not classified as medical devices in the EU, however the OrganiCup material meets EU bio compatibility standards and is tested according to select ISO 10993.
- What sizes should be purchased?
  - Company indicated for the target demographic size A would be the only necessary size.
- Are there any potential groups that would like to partner on program?
  - ASWSU is currently writing a letter of support that I will share when it is provided to me. They are planning to purchase more in the fall to continue with the program, also in coordination with Women's Center and Period WSU.
- Would the price change based on number ordered?
  - The price breakdown is 500 cups @ \$9.42 or 1,000 cups @ \$9.00
- Can OrganiWipes or OrganiWash be provided to students who do not have access to boiled water
  - Yes, for additional cost

Based on this information the GFB approved \$9,500 to purchase OrganiCups and OrganiWipes.

5. Zero Waste basketball game - Jason Sampson  
The February 1, men's basketball game was a success. PAC12 like are advertising videos and campaign. Jason will be submitting report to conference.
6. Earth Day Northwest 2020 - Lindsey Schnelle  
ESA will be providing a calendar of events and begin advertising by the end of March.
7. Open Discussion

No discussion

***NEXT MEETING: March 11, 2020  
10:00 - 11:30, CUE 512***