

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee (SEC) and Green Fund Board (GFB) Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CUE 512 and Zoom

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Ryan Lazo, Nathan Kite, Lindsey Schnelle, Emily Hogan, Patrick Robichaud, Julia Padowski, Amy Whiteman, Maren Friesen, Jonathan Stahl, Jeff Lannigan, Karee Shaw, Joe Hunt, Allyson King, Gabby Rodriguez, Sarah Larson, Karen Weathermon

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson

2. Earth Month – Patrick Robichaud

Patrick, ESA chair, work with student groups on campus coordinating events around Earth Day creating an Earth Month. The idea was prevent overlapping events. There is now a large unknown about what events will take place with WSU going to online classes for the remainder of the semester.

3. Green Fund project summary – Jason Sampson

Jason indicated there is not a definitive plan on how projects can move forward with WSU going to online classes for the remainder of the semester.

Composting Buckets and Workshops

All items are purchased and have arrived. Club is working to make a couple sample composters.

TerraCycle

Recycling boxes have been ordered. Club will place boxes in SPARK, Chinook, UREC, and Olympia Avenue dormitory. The education component will be submitted to Jason and Rick Finch for review.

3D Printing

Equipment is being constructed with only a few items left to purchase.

Chinook Solar Array

Project has run into several problems. Jason is working with Voiland College of Engineering to determine how to complete project.

OrganiCups

Items are ordered and a workshop has been scheduled. Item will be handed out at events throughout Earth Month and at Women's Center.

4. AASHE Summary – Patrick Robichaud

ASWSU ESA sent 6 individuals to the AASHE national conference in Spokane. Many of the concepts were focused on collaboration between student organizations and university departments. ESA has tried to implement several of these ideas including an Earth Month.

5. Environmental Management System (EMS) – Jason Sampson

Jason explained the purpose of the EMS and how departments are collaborating in developing goals for 2020. Jeff Lannigan provided information about water usage and conservation goals.

6. COP25 – Patrick Robichaud

Patrick went to Spain as an observer for the Conference of Parties 25 for a week. The COP25 had negotiations and discussions around the Kyoto and Paris Agreements. Patrick made a blog of his experience that is still available for people to read.

7. Open Discussion

Rick Finch, Jonathan Stahl and Karee Shaw – Waste Management, Outdoor Recreation and the CUB are going to collaborate to begin recycling plastic film.

Karen Weathermon – “Water Will Come” and “Second Hand” are two of the final books being considered for next year’s Common Reading Book. Both have an opportunity to showcase sustainability.

Julia Padowski – CEREO is hosting an event with a water scarcity film producer.

Ryan Lazo – CCE is hosting a campus community forum in Moscow. This event is a great opportunity for non-profit organizations.

Jason Sampson – WSU is beginning the steps necessary to shutdown the pathological incinerator.

Jonathan Stahl – ORC is activating Coug Bikes and have an April adventure cleanup event scheduled.

Gabby Rodriguez – Invited anyone interested to the Bike Week planning meetings.

***NEXT MEETING: April 8, 2020
10:00 – 11:30, Public Safety Building***