

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Monday, March 19, 2018, 10:00-11:00 p.m., Public Safety Building Conference Room

**ATTENDEES:** Nicolas Prante, Rick Finch, Dan Costello, Patrick Robichaud, Madison Armstrong, Shawn Deeds, Karen Weathermon, Amanda Stahl, Brian Shuffield, Amy Speargas Whiteman, Gene Patterson, Allyson King, Gary Coyle, Jan Boll, Jeff Lannigan, Gabby Rodriguez, Brian Shuffield, Jason Sampson

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1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Approval of February minutes - Jason Sampson  
Jason explained how minutes are approved via electronic mail. Since there were no comments they became official.
3. Earth Week Events - Patrick Robichaud  
Currently organizing events but a couple events are scheduled such as Ruby Park "Pong in the Park", Friday Earth Week Fair in Terrell Mall
4. Greenhouse project and status update - Jason Sampson  
The greenhouse project is fully funded. Facilities Services is completing the design work. Jason is ordering the greenhouse kit. The goal is to have the greenhouse constructed and operational by October 2018.
5. Chinook bus stop solar project status - Jason Sampson  
Based on electronic mail vote the project was approved. The Renewable Energy Organization is completing design work with Facilities Services. The goal is to have project completed by July.
6. Table proposal - Madison Armstrong  
Madison Armstrong, President Biology Club, requested \$6,100 for 5 recyclable picnic tables, planter boxes, and plants for the Eastlick Hall outdoor study space. SEC requested Jason assist Madison in answering the following questions:
  1. How will table be stored in winter?
  2. Who will maintain planters?
  3. Will objects impact snow removal?
  4. Who is in charge of space?Jason will provide information at the next SEC meeting.
7. Zero Waste Event Certification - Jason Sampson

The sustainability office is proposing to offer a Zero Waste Event Certification to clubs and departments who wish to pursue zero waste by including recycling and composting at events. A rough draft has been completed and will be shared with SEC.

8. Open discussion

Jason Sampson – Beginning to work on schedule for the 2018 Sustainability Fair. Want to establish sustainability awards which can be presented at fair. Asking ESA to coordinate an invitation with Sustainability Office to President Schultz, hoping he can be there to present awards.

Patrick Robichaud – ESA is hosting Chasing Coral on April 8, CUB Junior Ballroom at 7:00. Also, ESA has received six green fund proposals during their latest awareness campaign. These will be presented at next meeting.

Nicolas Prante – Beginning a bike commuter locker membership and PEB/Smith Gym for \$30/year. They will also be increasing the number of available bike racks.

Rick Finch – Currently, the new recycling regulations in China have impacted the American markets. Brokers are reducing the amount of acceptable contamination in the waste streams. WSU is struggling to meet these new standards and will begin increasing education outreach.

Karen Weathermon – The new common reading book nominations are beginning with the theme being global scarcity, security, and stability.

Shawn Deeds – The Zero Waste Game had some logistical issues resulting in zero waste being diverted because of contamination.

Allyson King – Asked about the possibility of having a location to rent dishware for events on campus similar to Moscow's plate project.

***NEXT MEETING: To be April 16, 2018  
10:00-11:00 Public Safety Conference Room***