

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 10:00 a.m., CUE 518

ATTENDEES: Nick Prante, Phillip Sinapati, Rick Finch, Adam Koerner, Ryan Lazo, Gabby Rodriguez, Kristi Denney, Gene Patterson, Shawn Deeds, Julie Padowski, Jonathan Stahl, Amanda Stahl, Trevor Alkire, Karen Weathermon, Allyson King, Jason Sampson

1. Call to Order – Jason
2. Bee’s and Tree’s Proposal – KJ Fitzgerald

KJ Fitzgerald presented Bee’s and Tree’s a collaborative service-learning project to create a honeybee pathway through the College Hill area by planting appropriate plants at parks and approved housing along pathway. The collaboration includes Phoenix Conservancy, College Hill Association, Community Action Center, and the WSU Apiary Department. KJ is asking for \$5,000 for the project. SEC asked KJ to get approval in writing from ASWSU allowing planting to take place in Ruby Street Park, and get a MOU from the different groups assisting with the ongoing maintenance. SEC approved proposal based on the requirement to obtain letter and establish a MOUG. All voting members present approved proposal.

3. Hydroponics proposal – Paul Schumacher

Paul Schumacher is requesting \$9,000 to build two hydroponic systems, one each at Southside Café and Eggert Family Organic Farm (EFOF). The systems would produce basil for use at dining facilities and farmer’s markets. The saving from purchasing basil and sales at farmer’s markets would cover the cost of labor. There was some concern about who would maintain system at Southside Café and the possibility of system flooding. SEC requested discussions with Southside Café and EFOF to determine feasibility. Based on those discussions the SEC would vote electronically.

4. Biology Club Proposal – Trevor Alkire

Biology Club submitted a proposal in May 2018 requesting money to purchase tables for outside of Eastlick Hall in the plaza. The club was asked to provide an education component. The new proposal was requesting \$2,000 for tables with each table having information about native plants. The SEC voted 1 for, 6 against approving funding.

5. Greenhouse use – Jason Sampson

Brad Jaeckel, EFOF manager, has developed a questionnaire that any club interested in using the greenhouse needs to fill out. This form will be reviewed by EFOF and

determine if project is feasible given the EFOF parameters and greenhouse space availability. If proposal is approved the EFOF will work with club or individual to ensure project is successful. The form is currently hosted on the Sustainability website.

6. Greenhouse ribbon cutting ceremony – Jason Sampson

Jason is working with CAHNRS and EFOF to host the ribbon cutting ceremony on April 25. Dr. Mary Jo Gonzales, VP Student Affairs, Dr. Andre Wright, Dean of CAHNRS, Dr. John Reginald, organic research, and Savannah Rogers, ASWSU President will be presenting at event highlighting the green fund project. Jason is asking for all SEC attendees to attend and to invite everyone in their departments.

7. Mark Fenton – Jason Sampson

Jason is working with Transportation Services, University Recreation, CEREO, ESA, and the Chamber of Commerce to advertise for the scheduled events. Jason is asking everyone to share information about events.

8. Sustainability Fair/Green Coug Award – Jason Sampson

President Schulz, ASWSU President Savannah Rogers, GPSA President Artis Gilmore, VP Stacy Pearson, and CEREO Director Jan Boll will be speaking at the Sustainability Fair and presenting the First Annual Green Coug Awards. The award winners have been selected and Jason is preparing a slide show and narrative.

Julie Padowski is organization a research poster event and information we be shared on the Sustainability website.

Jason is asking everyone to continue to share the information and, if appropriate, participate in the event.

9. Environmental Management System – Jason Sampson

Area experts will be called upon to assist with WSU's Environmental Management System. The nine focus areas; waste management, hazardous materials, transportation, energy, water, air, construction, purchasing, and food are asked to establish goals for 2019. The EMS must be submitted to Ecology by March 31, 2019.

10. Open discussion

No information provided

NEXT MEETING: To be determined