

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Thursday, October 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m., CUE 518

**ATTENDEES:** Jason Sampson, Nick Prante, Shawn Deeds, Jan Boll, Allyson King, Julie Padowski, Jeff Gossard, Amy Whiteman, Trevor Alkire, Annie Fan, Sarah Larson, Gary Coyle, Gabby Rodriguez, Amanda Stahl, Kristi Denney, Rick Finch, Dwight Hagihara, Jonathan Stahl, Brian Shuffield

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1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson

2. Introductions – Jason Sampson

3. SEC charter – Jason Sampson

Jason Sampson discussed how the SEC charter had been modified based on edits provided by committee. The modifications was the Chair of SEC would be an employee of the Environmental Health and Safety, Risk Management, Sustainability Department appointed by the Chair of the SEC Executive Committee. The SEC unanimously voted to recommend the changed to the President.

During the review process it was determined an individual for the SEC had not been elected to serve on the SEC Executive Committee. Nominations were taken and Allyson Beall King, Annie Fan, Trevor Alkire, Jeff Gossard, and Gary Coyle were nominated. Jason will take votes via electronic mail and results will be provided to SEC. An Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled following election.

4. Green Fund at other campuses – Jason Sampson

Individuals representing ASWSU Tri Cities reached out and inquired about availability of Green Fund to other campuses. The Green Fund, \$5 optional fee, is available to students at all campuses. Jason spoke with individuals in the finance office and it could not be determined how much was contributed from each campus. SEC agreed to support the recycling project they are pursuing. They also believe campuses should establish their own funds if appropriate.

5. Road to Zero Waste – Jason Sampson

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. They will be holding a contest around bottle recycling at the November 17 football game. Ideas for the game will be solicited during a contest held for the students with the winner's idea being highlighted. Contest marketing material was shared with group and suggestions requested. Jason also asked for anyone interested in being involved to reach out.

6. Mark Fenton, active transportation, April 16-18 – Jason Sampson

Jason Sampson and John Shaheen secured bringing Mark Fenton to campus April 16-18. A steering committee has been formed to ensure everyone's expectations are considered. Anyone who is interested in participating was asked to contact Jason. The steering committee will begin meeting on October 26.

7. Sustainability Fair, April 23 – Jason Sampson

ASWSU ESA and Sustainability Department will be hosting the Sustainability Fair in the CUB Senior Ballroom on Tuesday, April 23. A tentative plan had been created and provided to SEC. Jason is asking for suggestions and anyone who would like to get involved contact him.

8. Lecture series – Amy Whiteman

Amy Whiteman from the Sustainability Office was gauging interested of hosting a lecture series in the Spring 2019.

9. Open Discussion

Trevor Alkire

Went to AASHE National Conference and will share at next meeting. ESA will begin creating a calendar of events to prevent schedule overlaps. ESA hosting a Vegan Thanksgiving event to showcase food impact for Thanksgiving.

Nick Prante

UREC is rebranding waste management at all their facilities.

Sarah Larson

Dining Services had their Marine Stewardship Council audit on 10/10/18 and it appears to have gone well. Looking to reduce number of take out containers sold because a significant portion never leave Dining Facilities. Looking to begin an Educational Day promoting minimization specifically associated with excess food waste.

***NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2018  
10:00 – 11:30, CUE 518***