

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

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, October 22, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Zoom

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Patrick Robichaud, Gary Coyle, Nathan Kite, Allyson King, Jonathan Stahl, Maren Friesen, Karen Weathermon, Karee Shaw, Jeff Lannigan, Julie Padowski, Nicholas Prante, Meagann Russell, Kynan Rutan, Dwight Hagihara, Lipo Sinapati

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson

2. Review minutes for September – Jason Sampson

Jason explained minutes are sent out electronically to the SEC/GFB and asked to comment by a certain date. If no comments are received the minutes become official prior to the next meeting.

3. Brain Storming, How do we advance sustainability in the virtual environment? – Jason Sampson

Jason discussed the difficulty of advancing sustainability when students, faculty and staff are on campus on a very limited basis. In addition, most individuals are getting virtual fatigue so engagement continues to decrease. Below is a list of some of the concepts to explore to make the spring semester more engaging and successful:

- Create virtual tours of different facilities and operations on campus such as waste management, stormwater management, energy conservation, and LEED construction. Although some exist communication of their availability is not prominent.
- Model other countries and transition to 4-day work week primarily for mental health.
- Work on programmatic documents such as update of Climate Action Plan (CAP) or Environmental Management System (EMS) goals.
- Make Ted Talks or other materials available allowing for individuals to view at their convenience.

4. Environmental Sustainability Alliance – Patrick Robichaud

ESA is working on Green Fund advertising for donations and proposals. They hosted a Climate Change virtual event featuring 8-10 short presentations by corporations and WSU professors. It lasted about 2 hours and had over 200 attendees.

5. Open Discussion

Nathan Kite – Working on updating waste management website. Unfortunately with all the changes it has been a moving target making it difficult. Waste Management is

working with EH&S to close the pathological incinerator because other waste management options have made the incinerator unnecessary especially from a financial and environmental standpoint.

Allyson King - Lang Lecture Series will be available in the near future with focus on environmental justice.

Karen Weathermon - Common Reading nominations are due by November 15.

Jonathan Stahl - Cougar Bikes are still available. UREC has collected about 200 pounds of plastic film for recycling. Department is receiving training around environmental justice.

Karee Shaw - CUB has made streaming equipment available for rent with drop off and pick up.

Jeff Lannigan - The 2020 Virtual Water Summit is tonight from 6-8 p.m. Jeff will be presenting at summit regarding WSU's water conservation efforts.

Julie Padowski - Hosting workshops to advance undergraduate research.

Meagann Russell - Environmental Science Club is working on increasing student engagement in hopes of increasing participation. They will be hosting a documentary night.

Kynan Rutan - Environmental Science Club will be hosting a stream cleanup event.

NEXT MEETING: December 3 at 3:00 to 4:00 on Zoom