

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Kayla Wakulich, Jason Sampson, Summer Lockhart, Julie Padowski, Rick Finch, Nicolas Prante, Conner Rath, Richard Partain, Shawn Deeds, Kynan Rutan, Amy Speargas Whiteman, Brian Shuffield, Alice Ma, Sarah Larson, Karee Shaw, Jeff Lannigan, Maren Friesen, Brian Patrick, Jesse Brazil, Stevie Fawcett, Karen Weathermon

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1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
 2. Introductions and SEC/Green Fund Board overview – Jason Sampson
Due to new SEC members Jason provided an overview of the SEC.
 3. Green Fund project proposal – Kayla Wakulich
Kayla is asking for \$5,000 to support an America Corp intern. The intern would be partially paid for by Pullman 2040 in 2021/2022 and they will continue to pay for this position for the next two years.

The intern would be charged with two objectives:

Objective 1: Recruit WSU students to participate in environmental stewardship goals set forth by the Pullman 2040 Environmental subgroup (see attached list). Volunteers will be recruited for projects such as invasive species removal, debris removal, and the establishment of native plants in riparian ecosystems. The project aims to recruit 840 students in the first year.

Objective 2: Recruit WSU undergraduate and graduate students to participate in citizen science in support of long-term environmental goals.

Proposal is attached for reference.

4. Evaluation of proposal – Jason Sampson
Jason identified who the voting members were for the Green Fund Board:
Alyson Beall King, Julie Padowski, Maren Friesen – Faculty Representatives
Nicolas Prante, Jeff Lannigan, Sarah Larson – Staff Representatives
Summer Lockhart, Jesse Brazil, Conner Rath, Brian Patrick, Stevie Fawcett, Kynan Rutan

After discussion, it was a unanimous vote to approve proposal. Allyson voted virtually.

Following vote, Jason provided next steps:

- Advertising approval of proposal
- Outline requirements to Kayla including annual summary of proposal progress
- Establishment of fund

5. Environmental Sustainability Alliance update – Stevie Fawcett

ESA has continued to meet and has agreed upon what projects or concepts to pursue this academic year which include community gardens, roof gardens, improved composting for dining facilities, waste management, motorized scooters, and a couple other concepts still being developed.

Jason will work with ESA to connect with appropriate individuals and see how these concepts can be advanced.

6. Coca Cola/Unify grant opportunities and competitions – Jason Sampson
Unify works with PAC12 to provide grant money to support zero waste initiatives at athletic events. Jason will work with students to develop plan for basketball event in the spring semester. Jason shared a Coca Cola competition template with student groups. Competition focuses around developing and executing a waste diversion or minimization plan for campus or community.
7. Open discussion
Rick Finch – recycling markets are beginning to reopen which provides WSU with an opportunity to potential expand number of materials collected for recycling. As market expands, Waste Management will change procedures to accommodate these opportunities

Karen Weathermon – Common Reading is looking to select an environmental book for 2022/23. Will share with group, and is opening up for nominations.

***NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2021
9:00 – 10:00, Zoom***