

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, September 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m., CUE 518

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Nick Prante, Shawn Deeds, Trevor Alkire, Julie Padowski, Gary Coyle, Amy Whiteman, Allyson King, Phillip Sinapati, Dan Maher, Rick Finch, Amanda Stahl, Dan Costello, Gabby Rodriguez, Kristi Denney

1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Introductions - Jason Sampson
3. Nominations and election of SEC chair - Jason Sampson
Jason Sampson discussed how the SEC charter requires a nomination for chair of SEC on an annual bases. Jason was re-elected unanimously by the SEC. Following election Jason suggested modifying the charter to have the chair be selected by the chair of the SEC committee and be an employee of Environmental Health and Safety, Risk Management and Sustainability Department. The attendees agreed to this proposal. Jason will provided suggested edits and modifications will be voted on at October meeting.
4. Green Fund project status - Jason Sampson
 - a. Greenhouse - The design is complete and a contractor selected. Facilities Services is hoping to break ground in October and project will be completed in approximately 6 weeks. The only significant change is contractor will erect greenhouse instead of student organization.
 - b. Chinook - The Renewable Energy Club did not complete the design approval before leaving for the summer due to graduation and internship. They are hoping to complete and have all design submitted by end of September. Facilities Services, due to restructuring has a four week turnaround timeline.
 - c. 3D printing - The club has designed all the equipment. They working with Facilities Services to get a UL certification for equipment. This certification is a requirement of university prior to being able to plug into utilities. Facilities Services, due to restructuring has a four week turnaround timeline.
 - d. Tables and planters - The SEC reviewed this proposal in May, and requested further information. The Biology Club provided information and this will be distributed to the committee again for evaluation.
5. Mark Fenton, active transportation - Jason Sampson Jason Sampson and John Shaheen, Transportation Services, worked with departments on campus to bring in Mark Fenton. Mark Fenton, a MIT researcher, focuses on health though active transportation. We are finalizing an agreement to have a three day event in April as part of ASWSU Environmental Sustainability Alliance Earth Month. Once a date is finalized a steering committee will be organized to work on event details.

6. Sustainability Fair, April 23 – Jason Sampson
ASWSU ESA and EHSRMS is working on co-hosting a Sustainability Fair during Earth Month on April 23. An event outline has been created and was shared with the SEC. Once the President's Office verifies the date a timeline will be created. SEC was asked to provide ideas and help with organization if interested.

7. Waste Management concerns with market changes – Rick Finch
Rick Finch explained the changes in recycling regulations world wide and how it has impacted the market. These changes require WSU to address how waste is collected and managed on campus. He has been working with departments on campus to ensure everyone is on the same page.

8. Open Discussion
Trevor Alkire
ESA is working with waste management to complete waste audits in an effort to more accurately create directed educational material. Working on developing Earth Month instead of Earth Week.

Kristi Denney
Wondered if WSU could follow in the steps of the City of Pullman and adopt a plastic bag tax.

Julie Padowski
CEREO as new leadership and is working on determining individual's roles.

Dan Costello
WSU had a significant reduction in water use due to minimization of irrigation.

Gary Coyle
Dining Services will only provide straws upon request.

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