

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, September 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m., Public Safety Conference Room

ATTENDEES: Phillip Sinapati, Maren Friesen, Jeff Gossard, Shawn Deeds, Karee Shaw, Patrick Robichaud, Gary Coyle, Sarah Larson, Adam Koerner, Dwight Hagihara, Amanda Stahl, Ahnna McCoy, Allyson King, Rick Finch, Nick Prante, Jeff Lannigan, Amy Whiteman, Jason Sampson

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1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
 2. Introductions - Jason Sampson
 3. Green Fund project status (greenhouse, bee's and tree's, solar, 3D, hydroponics - Jason Sampson

Jason provided a summary of the currently funded projects:

Greenhouse - The greenhouse construction is complete and student groups and the Eggert Family Organic Farm has started using the facility. EFOF created a form, hosted on the sustainability website, allowing students to ask for space in the greenhouse. ESA will be pushing out this opportunity to groups on campus.

Bee's and Tree's - KJ Fitzgerald is verifying plants on the bee pathway made it through the summer and where it is necessary additional plants will be added.

Chinook Solar Panels - The project plans have been approved, and was originally scheduled to be installed in July, but the panels were broken when they arrived and needed to be reordered. Once panels arrive installation will be scheduled.

3D Club - The advisor left the university and a majority of the club members graduated before project was completed. A new advisor, Arda Gozen, has been selected and new members have taken up the project and will complete it. Jason will meet with new members to discuss status and expectations.

Hydroponics - Paul Schumacher completed construction of system. Brad Jaeckel and Brian Spratt are operating system and providing basil to dining services. They are still working out production rate and operational maintenance. Housing has produced educational information which will be on their website and displayed at Southside Café.

4. Event advertising and club use - Jason Sampson

Jason wants to provide access to monitors at Student Recreation Center and Chinook Bus Stop to student organizers to advertise events. The monitors are dedicated to sustainability and new content is always needed. The Sustainability Office will review all content before it is published to ensure quality and correct information is being presented.

5. Green Sports Alliance and PAC12 – Jason Sampson

Jason met with Shawn Deeds and Joe Hunt from WSU Athletics and determined November 16th football versus Stanford Cardinal would be the PAC12 Road to Zero Waste Game. The plan is to have a contest, available to all student groups, asking for ideas on how to increase waste diversion from sporting events with idea focused around Roger's Field (Cougville) and Hollingberry Fieldhouse. A website and flyer were corrected and provided to all student groups. The winning idea will be used as the grant submission to Unifi/PAC12 Team Green and utilized at the game.

6. Palouse Bike Week – Amy Whiteman

The City of Pullman, City of Moscow, University of Idaho, and Washington State University are hosting Bike Week September 16-21. Many events are taking place and available on the Chamber of Commerce website which will be shared with the SEC. The Sustainability Office is hosting a poker ride on September 21 in coordination with University Recreation and Coug Bikes.

7. Open Discussion

Rick Finch

Provided an update of Waste Management changes regarding recycling and current recycling commodities status.

Jason Sampson

Foundation established a Sustainability Account allowing for outside donations. Lamb Weston was the first donor at \$5,000

Julie Padowski

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

Patrick Robichaud

Environmental Sustainability Alliance is drafting a modification to the Green Fund document which will be presented to the SEC. ESA wants to focus on improving education and outreach on recycling efforts. Will be hosting a movie night in mid October focused on salmon and orca extinction.

Sarah Larson

Northside Café is piloting the Ozzi reusable take out program. Program seems to be well received. Has been some logistical problems being worked through. Will be able to provide data at future meetings.

Adam Koerner

Hosting a fall harvest festival at each dining facility highlighting local produce through LINC foods. Dining has switched to Pure Eire yogurt produced in Othello. The operation produces feed for the cattle, milk for the yogurt, and yogurt all at their facility.

Allyson King

For informational purposes, faculty have noticed a shift in freshman engagement. The shift has been positive and very sudden.

Nick Prante

UREC Alive barbecues had a 99% waste diversion this summer, and the Backyard Bash during Week of Welcome had a 85% diversion rate.

***NEXT MEETING: October 11, 2019
10:00 – 11:30, Public Safety Conference Room***