

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

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, September 24, 2020, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Zoom

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Dwight Hagihara, Nicolas Prante, Patrick Robichaud, Jeff Lannigan, Julie Padowski, Jonathan Stahl, Gabby Rodriguez, Gary Coyle, Sarah Larson, Karen Weathermon, Brian Shuffield, Meaghan Russell, Kynan Rutan, Allyson King, Benjamin Clarke, Mark Batcheler, Nigel Pickering, Lipo Sinapati, Nathan Kite

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
2. Introductions – Jason
3. Roles and responsibilities of SEC and GFB
4. Green Fund project summary – Jason Sampson
Jason provided status of all projects that have been funded.

Composting Buckets and Workshops

Buckets, lids, and spigots are still at EH&S Chemical Storage facility. Jason will work with club to ensure they have the materials they want. Club plans on working on virtual material and instructions on how to make kits. Will start distribution in the spring semester.

TerraCycle

Recycling boxes have been ordered. Club has placed boxes in SPARK, Chinook, UREC, and Olympia Avenue dormitory. A list of locations will be made more public.

3D Printing

Equipment is being constructed with only a few items left to purchase. Aaron Ramadan will provide a status report and instructions for fall semester to Dr. Gozen. Jason is working with Dr. Gozen to determine when and how project can be completed.

Chinook Solar Array

The final parts have arrived and an installation date is being coordinated with Facilities Services.

OrganiCups

Emily Carson is trying to coordinate distribution efforts with the Women's Center.

5. Operational changes – Jason Sampson and Jeff Lannigan

Jason and Jeff discussed operational changes made during the summer on the WSU-Pullman campus.

- Temperature ranges in buildings have been expanded reducing the need to heat and cool. This is both an energy and cost savings measure. Depending on how effective changes are they may become permanent.
- The pathological incinerator is being shutdown due to the ability to divert all waste streams to compost facility, STI, and approved off site contractor.
- Facilities Services established water conservation committee to look at ways to reduce operational use of water. Committee is looking at limiting irrigation and replacing/repairing equipment.

6. Environmental Sustainability Alliance – Patrick Robichaud

Patrick is working with co-Chair Emily Carson to host a TedxWSU Countdown event on Tuesday, October 13 at 4:00-6:00. The club is focusing on campaign to increase Green Fund donations during registration. Trying to find ideas for virtual events for fall and spring semesters.

7. What does the virtual SEC and GFB look like – Jason Sampson

Jason explained the current financial concerns with WSU and how everyone is tired of virtual meetings. He asked an open ended question for individuals to think about and provide input:

“How do we advance sustainability in the virtual environment?” The hope is to have further discuss at the next meeting. Some suggestions were:

- Normalize changes made due to COVID
- Asynchronized events and work shops
- Environmental justice speakers
- Better job of highlighting campus events
- Include sustainability in strategic plan
- Update Climate Action Plan
- Better use of existing social media

8. Open Discussion

Jonathan Stahl – Continuing to collect plastic films at SRC and Chinook.

NEXT MEETING: October 22 at 3:00 to 4:00 on Zoom