

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Zoom

ATTENDEES: Jeff Lannigan, Jason Sampson, Nicolas Prante, Allyson King, Ron Redman, Julie Padowski, Shawn Deeds, Kynan Rutan, Stevie Fawcett, Brian Shuffield, Karen Weathermon, Sarah Larson, Lipo Sinapati, Nathan Kite, Richard Partain, Amy Speargas, Gabby Rodriguez

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 summary – Jason Sampson
 - a. Solar panels – Solar panels are installed at the bus stop in front of Chinook. Monitor is available for sustainability advertisements and other content.
 - b. Composters – ESC's new president, Kynan, indicated 250 composters are made and they will begin distribution at end of September. Working with Waste Management to verify material can still be managed as planned via collection points on campus.
 - c. Organi Cups – Will be distributed through the Women's Center.
4. Operational changes – Jason Sampson and Jeff Lannigan
Facilities Services expanded the acceptable temperature range in buildings reducing heating and cooling needs. This helped reduce the greenhouse gas production in 2020 by 14% from 2019. We are hoping to maintain this expanded temperature range into 2021.

WSU has been evaluating water consumption and identifying areas with unusual consumption rates. Based on this we identified several leaks and unnecessary use. Facilities will continue to review data on a routine basis.

State allocated money to WSU for replacement of reservoir. This upgrade will allow WSU to shutdown older facilities that have potential leaks.

5. Zero Waste Football Game – Shawn Deeds

PAC12 requires institutions to host a Zero Waste football game and basketball game each year. WSU selected the September 18 game against USC. The future goal is to engage student groups and WSU departments to expand efforts. However, the unknowns associated with COVID forced us to make a decision, but also meant limited efforts. Staffing concerns have really minimized our ability to host an event to the level we hope to have in the future.

6. Coca Cola contract – Jason Sampson

Coca Cola was awarded the university beverage contract in 2020. As part of the contract, Coca Cola has agreed to provide \$50,000 annually to support sustainability efforts on campus. The contract will go into effect in 2021-22 academic year. The spending has to be approved by Coca Cola representatives. Jason, contracts office, WSU Corporate Services, and Coca Cola representatives are meeting to determine how money will be spent this year.

***NEXT MEETING: October 6, 2021
9:00 – 10:00, Zoom***