

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 10:00-11:00 p.m., Public Safety Building Conference Room

**ATTENDEES:** Jason Sampson, Jeff Lannigan, Rick Finch, Jan Boll, Amanda Stahl, Julie Padowski, Allyson King, Gary Coyle, Adam Koerner, Amy Whiteman, Gene Patterson, Nick Prante, Shawn Deeds, Gabby Rodriguez, Dwight Hagihara

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1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
2. Approval of November minutes – Jason Sampson  
Jason explained how minutes are approved via electronic mail. Since there were no comments they became official.
3. Update on Renewable Energy Club proposal – Jason Sampson and Phil Johnson  
Phil Johnson, Facilities Services Estimator, meet with Jacob Halela the club representative. They worked the details out and Phil determined the project would cost about \$15,500. The new design would install solar panels on existing bus shelter in front of the Chinook. The energy produced will be used for a phone charging station, television screen showing bus location and education material, and a heater. SEC members wanted a little more information and asked Jason to coordinate with club. The questions were:
  1. How will operation and maintenance costs be covered? SEC believe a plan needs to be in place.
  2. Who will be in charge of educational material and ensure it is accurate and current.
  3. Would like club to revise charter to ensure this project is maintained moving forward.Once this information is gathered Jason will send out proposal to SEC, and if possible complete an electronic vote on project.
4. Student engagement and UREC sustainability – Jonathan Stahl  
Jonathan gave a presentation summarizing UREC past, current and future sustainability efforts. This presentation is part of a student staff module which each employee reviews. The goal is provide information about goals in order to get buy in from employees, and hopefully have this information relayed to UREC clientele.
5. Environmental Management System – Jason Sampson  
Jason indicated the 2017 EMS report is due at the end of March. EH&S will be reaching to area experts to verify status of 2017 programs and projects and establish goals and objectives for 2018.
6. Open Discussion

Rick Finch – STI has been installed. This project will reduce use of pathological incinerator and natural gas by using steam to destroy pathogens. Once pathogens are eliminated material can be composted.

Rick Finch – Pilot project for composting from Greek houses will be moving forward. Agreements are in place with Pullman Disposal.

Julie Padowski – A faculty member, Nigel Pickering, will be organizing a Rainwork's Challenge Project for fall of 2018 entry. The students are members of the Water Resource Club.

Allyson King – Has a student who will be developing a model of WSU based on inputs and outputs of water, energy and other parameters.

Gary Coyle – Northside Café will be piloting a project around re-usable tumblers to determine feasibility of campus wide program.

Gabby Rodriguez – Transportation Services has a new PTBus Beacon which as an application used to find bus locations.

Amy Whiteman – EH&S is currently completing surveys for Princeton Review, Sierra Club, and AASHE around sustainable operations, engagement, curriculum, and administration.

Dan Maher – Concerned, while there are a lot of good sustainability projects and programs taking place on campus, it has not increased student engagement. Believes an increase in communication is necessary to engage more individuals.

Jonathan Stahl – Went to Inconvenient Sequel (new Al Gore movie) held at the CUB and sponsored by ESA. Indicated while there was low attendance, the individuals there were engaged.

***NEXT MEETING: To be February 12, 2018  
10:00-11:00 Public Safety Conference Room***