

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Monday, November 13 11, 2017, 9:00-10:00 p.m., Public Safety Training Room

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Karen Weathermon, Julie Padowski, Jonathan Stahl, Amanda Stahl, Jan Boll, Allyson King, Shawn Deeds, Dwight Hagihara, Gary Coyle, Amy Speargas Whiteman, Patrick Robichaud, Brian Shuffield, Trevor Alkire

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
2. Approval of October minutes – Jason Sampson
Jason approved minutes based on comments from electronic mail reviews.
3. Update on Renewable Energy Organization proposal – Jason Sampson
The Renewable Energy Organization (REO) met with Phil Johnson, Facilities Services Estimator, to develop a detailed and feasible scope of the project. The REO is meeting to finalize some of the details. After finalizing the project Phil will provide an estimate for the SEC to review.
4. Student Engagement – Jason Sampson
Jason is hoping to engage the SEC on ideas to increase engagement from students. It has been difficult to get commitments and follow through from student organizations and individual students. This has made zero waste events in particular difficult to plan. Jason wants to explore a certificate from the SEC based on volunteer hours. Brian Shuffield has offered to find out what needs to be accomplished to make this a recognized certificate. Other ideas were suggested and Jason will look into their feasibility moving forward:
 - Engage staff in addition to students
 - Sort waste after events instead of during
 - Use technological education material at events instead of signage or volunteers
 - Contract groups to ensure participation
 - Publicize comparison with other PAC12 universities to encourage competitive attitude
 - Develop Zero Waste Event logo and certification, manage program through internships
 - Annual awards to RSOs, offices and students for sustainability efforts
5. Zero Waste Football Game competition – Jason Sampson and Shawn Deeds
As part of the Green Sports Alliance and PAC12, schools compete in one Zero Waste Football Game annually. The November 4 game against Stanford University was the selected event. Jason, Shawn, Rick Finch, Mike Hayton, and Amy Speargas Whiteman organized adding compost throughout stadium, carbon footprint carnival game in

Cougville led by ESA, Green Team in premier seating, and advertising with Butch and PA announcements. Jason will complete the submission for competition and share the results.

6. Comparison of PAC12 Universities Sustainability Reports – Jason Sampson
Jason shared a spreadsheet based on rankings from the Sierra Club Cool Schools publication. The spreadsheet was determined where WSU could improve. Waste management and transportation were used as an example to show the discrepancies among schools. The spreadsheet was shared electronically.

7. Open Discussion

Trevor Alkire

Trevor attended national AASHE conference recently and will prepare a package to share with the committee. ESA is hosting a viewing of Inconvenient Sequel on December 4 in the CUB Auditorium from 4:00 to 7:00.

Gary Coyle

Dining Services is exploring the purchase and use of reusable to go containers at dining facilities.

Jonathan Stahl

UREC is creating a sustainability module for staff members.

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