**WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee**

**AGENDA**

 **DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Friday, September 3, 2010 2:10-3:10pm, Lighty 405

 **ATTENDANTS:** Leif Moon-Nielson, Skuyler Herzog, Dwight Hagihara, John Reed, Terry Baxter-Potter, Rich Heath, Nick Lovrich

1. Call to Order – Dwight Hagihara *Committee Interim Administrator*
2. Approval of July 2, 2010 Minutes – Dwight Hagihara Approved
3. Green Fund – Skuyler Herzog, Leif Moon-Nielson, Dwight Hagihara and Rich Heath
	1. Status report – Attached are current documents for the Green Fund proposal. Skuylar and Leif met with Dwight Hagihara and Rich Heath to discuss specific roles of the SEC, the Green Fund, and the Environmental Club. SEC will have a sub-committee dedicated to provide direction for the Green Fund. Environmental Science Club will act as recipient for all proposals. Proposals will then be passed on to sub-committee, once approved will be passed onto full SEC for approval. Office of Grant and Research Development (OGRD) has agreed to administer the funds. An email from the Provost’s Office, Ken Vreeland (student affairs), indicated the moratorium placed on RSO mandatory fees does not apply to the proposed Green Fund since it is optional. Skuylar will meet with the ASWSU president to discuss if or when the proposed fund will be on this spring’s ballot.
4. Sustainability website improvement – John Reed

A work in progress. The main idea behind the website improvement is to link related existing pages to reduce maintenance on the sustainability website and to access the most current information from several sources.

The Student Involvement side is developed and maintained by Jamie Bentley with assistance from the student members of the committee; Dwight will also get assistance from his Sustainability class this fall semester. General Studies may add Environmental Literacy to the WSU curriculum. We may want to invite this group to one of the SEC meetings to learn about their proposal and to offer support.

University Operations – EH&S will create an Air and a Water web page for the Sustainability web site and will link to related university web sites. Terry Baxter-Potter is working on the Built Environment, which will include pictures of sustainable buildings Olympia Avenue, CUB, etc.

A suggestion was made that we may want to redesign the SEC minutes page so that most current minutes are on top. Email news links/stories to Dwight (Hagihara@wsu.edu) or Kathy (kkok@wsu.edu) for inclusion on the website.

1. U of Idaho had a recycle day where used student items from last spring were donated for use by students moving back to campus in the fall. WSU has a program where used items are given to charities
2. A Sustainability Committee exists at the Mount Vernon Research Center. It is looking into a link to our webpage and to become more involved state-wide.
3. Open Discussion – There is an undergrad student working on a new recycling program for off-campus facilities especially in the Greek system. He may present at or attend a meeting at a later date.

***NEXT MEETING:*** *October 1, 2010 – Light 405 – 2:10pm-3:10pm*