

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

AGENDA

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, January 15th, 10:30 am - 11:30 am CUE 512

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Terry Ryan, Rick Finch, Steve Hansen, Jenna Bracken, Paul Papiese, Francene Watson, Shawn Deeds, Bridgette Brady, Jeff Lannigan, Nicolas Prante, Joanne Greene, Marty O'Malley, Dan Maher, Lakecia Farmer, Mariya Sichkar, Dwight Hagihara

1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Approval of 4 November 2014 minutes - Jason Sampson
3. Light Pollution Concerns - Mariya Sichkar & LaKecia Farmer
 - a. Suggestions from the guests include future consideration of light fixtures and placement for new buildings and replacing old fixtures, stadium lighting used only when needed. Jeff Lannigan addressed the perspective of Facilities Services - Facilities Services is aware of lighting pollution and has taken steps to minimize light pollution and stay in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Facility Services has been replacing light fixtures and have a policy to reduce light pollution. Safety and light pollution have long been considered on campus. Most of WSU's light pollution comes from light reflecting off ground surfaces. Terry Ryan further addressed Facilities Services efforts - researching switching to LED lights. Shawn Deeds from Athletics spoke to light policies at Athletic's venues. Lights are on for practice until about 6:30 at full lighting. UREC takes over at that point and the lights go down to half and are turned off when UREC is done. Martin and Baily have both been relamped and refixed. Martin Stadium lights are on at half light the night before a home game for safety requirements. This year, that also included the night after the game due to the unsecure construction site. Rogers field is next on the list to be refixed and relamped. It is all funding dependent. Nick Prante from UREC mentioned that Valley Road lights were updated when it was renovated a few years ago. Valley Road lights turn off at 10:30.
4. Office of Student Sustainability - Jenna Bracken
 - a. Cougar Green fund update changes will be proposed. Currently, biggest change is finding a way to allow grad students to submit proposals and expand the proposal guidelines to broaden beyond physical projects to include education outreach. Proposal submitting process is also set to change. The complete suggested changes will be sent to the SEC before finalizing.
 - b. Office of Student Sustainability - postponed

5. EMS Annual Report – Jason Sampson
 - a. Jason will be contacting groups that he needs data from. Please, respond promptly so he can submit the report on time.

6. WA Sustainability Conference – Jason Sampson
 - a. Western Washington University is hosting a Sustainability Conference for Washington Higher Ed Institutions at the beginning of February. A number of SEC members already have plans to attend the conference.

7. Open Discussion
 - a. Nick Prante gave an update on the Recycling Initiative. Yesterday, the group looked at bin wrap design. The designs didn't work as they had hoped so they are continuing their research. The ink cartridge recycling program is in full swing at the SRC.
 - b. Two new green bike stations have been funded and will be installed in about a month. One is by SCUE and the other is over by Ruby Park.
 - c. WSU's Climate Action Plan is up for public comment.
 - d. Rick Finch mentioned that the new color coded signage for waste and recycling bins has been deployed.

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NEXT MEETING:

February 12th, 2014 – CUE 518 – 10:30 am-11:30 am