

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee (SEC) Minutes

Date, Time, & Location: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.- 10:50 a.m. in CUE 518

Attendees: Joanne Greene, Bridgette Brady, Kaitlyn White, Nathan Youmans, Terry Ryan, Dwight Hagihara, Jason Sampson

1. Call to order – Dwight Hagihara
2. Approval of November 28th, 2012 minutes – Dwight Hagihara
3. Wellbeing Fair-Jason Sampson
 - a. Jason was promoting the idea to have sustainability groups, departments, and clubs to have tables close together at the UREC Wellbeing Fair to be held on February 5th. He was requesting that all interested parties to sign up and coordinate with Joanne Greene. He will provide the Fair information to everyone via email
4. Summary of Arboretum Project – Jason Sampson
 - a. Jason was in contact with Rod Saylor, project advisor, to provide and update timeline and status. The Wildlife Club has not yet met this semester, but will have additional information for the February 20th SEC meeting. Jason will forward Rod Saylor's current written and picture summary to the SEC.
5. New committee structure – Dwight Hagihara
 - a. The draft Sustainability and Environment Committee (SEC) structure was discussed. President Floyd is interested in establishing a Presidential SEC. The draft that was developed in accordance with other Presidential Committees, was distributed at the November meeting, and will be sent out again for review and comment. The goal is to have the draft document approved and recommended by the SEC at the next committee meeting in February.
6. STARS/Princeton Review/Sierra Club/Etc. – Dwight Hagihara
 - a. A portion of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Will be used by several higher education sustainability surveys and ranking organizations (Princeton Review, Sierra Club, etc.). The ESRP 490 590 class was given permission by AASHE STARS to complete a rating system this past fall semester. That data will be verified and improved with the help of a student volunteer and sustainability experts across campus during the next 6 months.
7. Open Discussion
 - a. Draft Green Fund Document (Dwight Hagihara) - The draft undergraduate Green Fund document was discussed and the goal is to have the draft document approved and recommended by the SEC at the next Sustainability and

Environment Committee meeting in February. A suggestion was made to consider a time limit for projects. An electronic draft will be sent to committee members for comments. There was a brief discussion about establishing a sustainability fund in the future.

- b. Bike Plan (Bridgette Brady) – The Bike Plan Steering committee met with consultants and stakeholders during three separate meetings. All provided different, but constructive comments. During the next 4 to 6 weeks the consultant will work on data collection and then outreach. Hope to have plan drafted by early May. Still looking for undergraduate students for steering committee and input. Gabi Rodriguez is managing project for Transportation and Parking Services. Joanne has some students from UREC bike shop who would be interested in assisting.
- c. Environmental Science Club (ESC)/Environmental Task Force (ETF) (Kaitlyn White and Nathan Youmans) – Met with new officers and discussed goals and projects for the semester. They are focusing on getting Green Fund proposals from established environmental clubs and upper level classes. They are also planning on doing an Earth Week event the week prior to dead week April 15-19, 2013. Earth Day, April 22, 2013 is the Monday of dead week. Hoping to find speaker during event and a cosponsor. Hoping to work with ALIVE to provide sustainability information.
- d. UREC is hosting a series of workshops promoting sustainability via concept of using less. ETF and ESC are sponsoring some of their members to attend. Joanne Green will provide more information to the group.
- e. Energy Projects (Terry Ryan) – Smart Grid is still progressing and getting close to having the capability to shutdown HVAC systems in order to transfer electricity back to the grid when classes are done for the day. Avista, Battelle, and WSU will have public outreach once this goal has been achieved. The In-vessel composter is having water tightness design issues. Once solved it will take approximately two months to install and get ready for operation that will provide energy savings and water conservation. The WSU Energy Office also submitted applications for three grants for light retrofits and chiller replacement projects.