

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, February 23, 2017, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Lighty 401

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Dan Maher, Nick Prante, Amy Whiteman, Jeff Lannigan, Rick Finch, Paul Papiese, Dan Costello, Dwight Hagihara, Amanda Stahl, Katie Fee, Julie Padowski, Brent Atkinson, Shawn Deeds, Gary Coyle

1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Approval of January minutes - Jason Sampson
Jason explained how minutes are approved via electronic mail. Since there were no comments they became official.
3. Green Fund project overview and status - Jason Sampson
Jason provided a brief status for two projects under review.
 - A. Water bottle refilling stations - Jason spoke with the CUB advisory board and it was discovered the board had voted down the offer to install a water bottle refill station in the CUB. Based on this information, Jason asked Facilities Services to provide estimates for the other locations in Todd Hall and the CUE.
 - B. Greenhouse - Jason asked Facilities Services to provide an estimate to determine approximately how much the rest of the project will cost. Phil Johnson, Facilities Services, met with Lee Mendez, Brad Jaeckel, Lynne Carpenter-Boggs, Dan Costello, and Kate Kameerer and based on the discussion will provide an estimate.
4. Green Restaurant Certification proposal and timeline - Gary Coyle
Gary Coyle has signed a contract to work with the Green Restaurant Association to become certified. The certification not only looks at the food, but focuses on the operation as a whole. The initial steps in the process require an equipment inventory and basic assessment of facilities. This will take place in March and April. Following the assessment Dining Services will make applicable modifications based on feedback to prepare for the reassessment in July with the goal of having a certification by start of classes, Fall 2017.
5. WAHESC recap - Amy Speargas Whiteman, Katie Fee
Amy and Katie along with several other students, faculty and staff attended the conference in Spokane. Based on the workshops, keynote speakers, and seminars they provided some insights.
Katie - work with ASWSU to attempt to make fee mandatory, create a marketing team for Green Fund within ESA, peer to peer discussions to share positive and negative experiences, and focus on smaller projects than can be completed within a students tenure.

Amy – necessary to have a mandatory fee, have more workshops to educate and lead to increased participation, and look for partnerships in the economic and social areas of sustainability

6. ESA's Earth Week plans – Katie Fee

Katie provided a list of activities ESA will have during Earth Week. Some of these events include the Minimalist (documentary screening and speaker), hydrology discussion, fair in the mall, kayake and clean up on the Snake River, and several other hands on events. Wants dates and times have been finalized they will provide information to the committee.

7. Open Discussion

Jason Sampson

Jason indicated there was a small delay on the Food Recovery Project because of some setbacks with the county. The goal is for WSU to host an event before the end of the semester.

Julia Padowski

Julia should be submitting the paperwork to establish an undergraduate water sustainability certificate by the end of the month. Also, a student group focused on water has started the process to become a new RSO.

Dan Maher

Dan indicated the ESA has shown member growth and awareness is on the upswing.

Jeff Lannigan

Jeff indicated the PETB is receiving LEED Gold certification and this will be WSU's first gold lab.

Rick Finch

Recyclemania has started and WSU is participating. Student Affairs marketing will be providing information in the upcoming weeks.

Working with Lynne Carpenter-Boggs to determine if the compost facility can become organic certified.

Katie Fee

ESA has started creating documents to ensure historic information and procedures are available to the organization. ESA is increasing social media with the hopes of tying in other areas of the university to help with awareness.

Paul Papiese

Paul indicated purchasing is working with UREC on procurement of new green bikes to replace the outdated system.

***NEXT MEETING: To be March 23, 2017
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