

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, April 5th, 2012, 2:00-3:00pm, Lighty 405

ATTENDEES: John Reed, Jason Sampson, Marty O'Malley, Bridgette Brady, Julie Titone, Jamie Bentley, Kelsey Kracher, Robi Nilson, Skuyler Herzog, Terry Ryan, Jeff Lannigan, Dwight Hagihara

- 1. Call to Order - John Reed**
- 2. Approval of 1 March, 2012 Minutes - John Reed**
- 3. Earth Day Activities - Jamie Bentley/Robi Nilson/Kelsey Kracher**

Earth week activities

Tuesday:

The Center for Civic Engagement is sponsoring an Under the Big Top Debate: Natural and Unnatural Disasters at noon in the CUB lair.

Jaime Bentley is running "The Story of Stuff Workshop" at 12:10 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Smith Gym 203

Thursday:

With the help of contributions from many departments of campus the Environmental Task Force is bringing in Shalini Kantayya an Indian-American filmmaker is speaking at 7:00 p.m. at the CUB Auditorium about the world water crisis and how it relates to eastern Washington. The presentation will be video streamed to the Spokane campus. She also will have a workshop at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at the CUE 512. The event was in WSU announcements and advertised by all the departments which contributed.

Kelsey is going to dinner with Shalini at 5 p.m. and invited anyone from the committee who was interested to contact her.

Friday between 11 and 3 at the Glenn Terrell Mall in honor of Earth Day: Wellbeing provided a press release for the events and advertised the event on the buses.

ETF and Environmental Science Club are having giveaways in exchange for green pledges.

Environmental Science 101 class is bringing a recycling display which represents 1 week of recyclables.

There is a clothing swap with remaining clothes being donated to the local Goodwill.

Avista Utilities donated compact fluorescent lightbulbs (cfls) to handout to students in regards to energy efficient lighting.

GIVE! is providing tastes of local organic farmers produce.

Environment Science graduate student will have a display regarding sustainable construction and design.

KZUU radio station is providing a DJ during the event.

Sunday (actual earth day):

Outdoor Recreation Center and Center for Civic Engagement are cohosting a climb and cleanup event on the Snake River.

4. Environmental Management Systems (EMS) annual report – Jason Sampson

Jason provided a summary of what an EMS is and background information. An explanation of future changes was provided. The annual report which was filed with Department of Ecology will be attached for members to view.

5. Graduating student members – John Reed

Robi – Plans on going into the Peace Corp. Waiting to hear final plans regarding location and when she will begin.

Kelsey – Is not sure at this point, but is looking into several options.

6. Open Discussion

Marty O'Malley indicated the Climate Action Plan needs to be updated and submitted to the ACUPCC. The plan will be sent out to the committee for comments.

Bridgette Brady provided an update of the bike plan RFP draft. The plan includes a traffic speed analysis as well as section regarding bike/pedestrian conflict. Bridgette is traveling to Boise State University to review their bike plan.

Dawn Shinew has taken a job at Bowling Green State University. Her replacement will be Nick Lovrich.

Terry Ryan indicated the Smart Grid Project is moving forward with Avista identifying areas capable of load shed. Also mentioned the in-vessel composter project is moving forward with construction to being this summer.

Julie Titone was looking into how difficult and the process need to get a sustainability link onto the WSU homepage.

Dwight Hagihara talked about the potential for making the SEC a Presidential Committee. He has reviewed the bylaws and structure of current Presidential Committees and provided a summary to Roger Patterson. He will continue to look into what steps need to be taken to move forward.

Robi Nilson and Kelsey Kracher provided an update of the Green Fund. The arboretum project was approved. Three other proposals have been submitted; installation of double pane windows at Sloan Hall, wind turbine for energy generation, and man powered speaker system for concerts. Currently all three projects are too expensive with current funds. They are looking in potential cost reductions with Facilities Operations. They also met with ASWSU to discuss Green Fund status. ASWSU members from all campuses were to be in attendance. In an effort to maintain uniformity the Green Fund was made into a signal document which was reviewed. The combined document is attached.

Robi Nilson and Kelsey Kracher talked about the election of new officers for the Environmental Science Club. Hoping to bring the new officers to the May meeting.

7. Tour of pervious surfaces Global Animal Health

Tour was cancelled until next meeting due to time constraints and weather.

NEXT MEETING:

May 3rd, 2012 – Light 405 – 2:00pm-3:00pm