

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee MINUTES

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Friday, June 4, 2010 2:10-3:10pm, Lighty 405

ATTENDANTS: Chad Kruger, Nicholas P Lovrich, Terry M Baxter-Potter, Dwight Hagihara, Terry A. Ryan, Skuyler Herzog, Leif Garrett Moon Nielsen, Jamie A Bentley, Marty O Malley, John Reed, Tiffanie Braun

1. Call to Order - Dwight Hagihara *Committee Interim Administrator*

2. Approval of May 5, 2010 Minutes - Dwight Hagihara

3. Climate Action Plan - Faculty Section- Nicholas P Lovrich

A majority of the information regarding the faculty's role in the climate action plan comes from the WSU Center for Environmental Research Education and Outreach (CEREO). Nick explained how CEREO a multidisciplinary enterprise was initiated by faculty, supported by the faculty senate and funded by several college deans. CEREO provides a place where undergraduate and graduate students can gain access to environmental courses across the curriculum. It supports 30 doctoral students and has a goal to become self sustaining in 5 years.

4. Green Fund - Skuyler Herzog and Leif Garrett Moon Nielsen

Copies of an updated Green Fund Letter was distributed and read. Skuyler and Leif will make an electronic copy of the letter available so it can be sent to the committee for review and edits. The letter will be discussed at the next meeting. Skuyler and Leif will visit with the UI sustainability program to learn about their Green fund and how they administer the projects.

5. Center for Civic Engagement (CEC)- Tiffanie Braun

CEC is trying to engage students in several community service learning experiences associated with environmental, economic and social sustainability projects. CEC has an extensive database of 600 community groups across the state of Washington including 100 local communities. A handout of the sustainability community groups that CEC offers to students was provided to the committee.

6. Washington Department of Ecology Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory - Marty O Malley

Washington State University as a state wide entity (campuses, research stations, extension offices, etc.) needs to submit a summary of all of its greenhouse gas emissions for 2005, 2008 and 2009 by June 30, 2010 to the Department of Ecology. Marty summarized what needs to be reported, for example: total FTEs, total square footage, purchased electricity, stationary consumption fuel usage, vehicle fuel usage, air travel. Using a calculator provided by Department of Ecology WSU also has to submit a projection of WSU's greenhouse gas emissions out to 2035. Marty will discuss the information submitted at the July this meeting.

7. Open Discussion