

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Thursday, September 8th, 2011, 2:30-3:20pm, Lighty 405

ATTENDANTS: Dwight Hagihara, Terry Ryan, Bridgette Brady, Robi Nilson, Kelsey Kracher, Jason Sampson, Marty O'Malley, Rick Finch, Dawn Shinew, Dennis Gransbery, Jamie Bentley, John Reed

1. Call to Order – Dwight Hagihara
2. Approval of 5 August, 2011 Minutes – Dwight Hagihara
3. Sustainability Fair – Dwight Hagihara
 - a. The Sustainability Fair will be November 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The organizers will be communicating and coordinating with University of Idaho's fair, which is the previous week. A viewing of the Carbon Nation film could become a part of the fair. ESRP490 is designing a poster for the fair and an AV presentation. There are three sections, 1) Administrative/Executive Policy, 2) Faculty/Staff, and 3) Students. The fair will take place in the CUB Jr. Ballroom. Mia Burke will be in Pullman the same two days, so Bridgette will be working to coordinate something between Mia and the fair. ETF is helping fund and CEREO offered to provide a little assistance. Outside sponsors are also being sought.
4. Climate Action Plan – Marty O'Malley
 - a. The final CAP is almost ready and will be submitted to Ecology in the next week or two.
5. Green Fund Sub-Committee – Dwight Hagihara
 - a. Robi and Kelsey will be the student representatives. Bridgette and Jamie will be SEC representatives. Students that have proposals for the Green Fund have a deadline in November. Then, the subcommittee will filter through them. Their choices will be brought to the main committee.
6. Oil Recycling Program – Jason Sampson
 - a. New contracted vendor. The company visits seven sites around campus; then, the company sends a check to Motor Pool to recoup some of Motor Pool's expenses.
7. Open Discussion
 - a. New meeting time – First Thursday of every month 2:10-3:00.
 - b. ZipCar – Very positive reaction to a recent press release. Already has significant use.
 - c. Bridgette has been placed on an international committee for Sustainability portion of Transportation Demand Management.
 - d. Rick Finch – On October 4th, Recycling will receive a new baler which will add new efficiencies, and allow WSU to look at recycling some materials that we

don't currently. We will now be able to put those items in market ready bales, making them more marketable.

- e. Have a bid out for a new waste collecting system. Soon, current dumpsters will start to be replaced with front loading dumpsters, and WSU will be using a new front load truck. In conjunction, as a back-up for the waste truck, the recycling system will be transitioned to front-loading.
- f. Three new green bike stations and 30 new bikes were installed in the last two days. They are by Regents, the old Bookie, and Kruegel.
- g. A 4 million dollar smart grid demonstration grant was approved and received from WA Dept of Energy, WA Dept of Commerce, and Avista. This will incorporate alternate energy forms, like wind. The new method will temporarily reduce load or use WSU energy generation to cover when wind starts to die down before Avista's large scale generation can kick in. Thirty-six buildings on campus will participate in a piece of this study.

NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2011 – Light 405 – 2:10pm-3:10pm