

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Monday, September 9th 1:10 pm – 2:00 pm CUE 518

ATTENDEES:

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
2. Approval of 17 April 2013 Minutes – Jason Sampson
3. WSU-wide Recycling Campaign – Jason Sampson
 - a. There is an effort to use the information that UREC has gathered regarding recycling signage and receptacles to create a unified campus-wide recycling marketing system. One of the outcomes of this will hopefully be increased correct utilization of the program by everyone on campus. Recycling is also working with Athletics on this project. Student groups will be handing out literature and providing guidance Friday in the tailgating area.
4. SRC Complete Recycling Center for Students – Nic Prante
 - a. Original goal was to turn the Rec Center into a zero-waste facility for student generated waste. Movement towards this goal began over the summer with the Alive BBQs. A couple events were at 90% diversion rates. Currently, working to set a baseline for waste that SRC is moving out of their facility. In part by evaluating waste receptacles around the building. The data will be evaluated and then used to determine receptacle waste type and locations. There is also an opportunity for a program with TerraCycle to divert wrappers from some of the for-sale products in the SRC that one of the staff is looking into.
5. Sustainability Fair – Jason Sampson
 - a. The fair is scheduled for October 23rd, which is also the National College Sustainability Day. Shane McFarland is reaching out to student group's to encourage them to participate. Departments on campus and outside vendors are also being invited to participate.
6. Green Fund – Jenna Bracken
 - a. Arboretum project hasn't spent any money. ETF/ESC is considering altering how Green Fund money is applied for and who can submit proposals.
7. Presidential Committee Status – Dwight Hagihara
 - a. President Floyd had requested a charter be drafted to make this Committee into a Presidential Committee. Dwight has begun drafting the charter but is waiting for CEREO to have a new director to define their involvement.
8. AASHE dues – Jason Sampson

- a. Previous years was divided 5 ways - CEREO, EHS, CASC, ETF/ESC, Wellbeing. CASC is not currently participating in meetings, so the current split will be 4.

9. Open Discussion

- a. Palouse Project - This is a workshop type format looking at Sustainability across the curriculum at WSU. The project is looking into building a sustainability focused core class.
- b. A member brought up a recent online petition to remove plastic bottles and bags from campus. A group has been created to research the potential pros and cons of this suggestion. The findings will be presented to the President when compiled.
- c. In-vessel composter is arriving tomorrow.
- d. Avista SmartGrid project - article coming out later this week exploring the effect of alternate energy and power load dip recoveries using local assets.
- e. LEED certified buildings - Two new projects came through in the last month Duncan Dunn and Allen both are silver. Many of the current new projects are applying for LEED status.
- f. 85% completed on Bike Plan. A report will be presented to the Regents in November.
- g. Transportation Departments rebranding went over well last year. Their marketing campaign also seems to be reaching the intended audiences in a positive way. Residence Hall students didn't bring as many cars to campus this fall.
- h. Two new green bike stations coming this fall.
- i. Wellbeing has been moved to Health and Wellness Services. HWS is evaluating the current program. If HWS doesn't pickup the sustainability component, UREC will try to pick it up.

NEXT MEETING:

October 14th, 2013 - Lighty 405 - 1:10 pm-2:00 pm