

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

AGENDA

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 10:00 am – 11:00 am CUE 518

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Mikayla Kusuda, Dwight Hagihara, Brian Shuffield, Dan Maher, Karen Weathermon, Leslie Sena, Rick Finch, Corey King, Terry Ryan, Nick Prante, Joanne Greene, Paul Papiese, R. Dave Evans, Francene Watson

1. Call to Order – Jason Sampson
2. Approval of 11 June 2014 minutes – Jason Sampson
3. Common Reading book and events associated with book – Karen Weathermon
The Common Reading book is *Garbology*. Book focuses on the amount of garbage created by Americans and the need to not just recycle, but minimize amount of waste created. Events throughout the semester are scheduled (commonreading.wsu.edu) in correlation with book. Several classes either require event attendance or give extra credit based on stamps in a passport. First event, Ken Faunce, reached capacity. Events will be posted on website as scheduled. Planning on doing a garbology event 3 weekends this semester with students who volunteer. Working with Residence Life to incorporate faculty and staff in a one big thing challenge. Looking at the two weeks prior to Apple Cup to coincide with student competition of University of Washington.
4. Recycling signage updates – Rick Finch
Waste Management, Athletics, UREC, CUB, and EH&S worked to create uniform signage for recycling and waste on campus. Project has been separated into three phases to make more manageable. First was is creating signage for permanent outside bins emphasizing Co-Mingled Recycling. To better define co-mingled signage will have pictures showing materials that can be placed in each bin. Signs have been ordered and will hopefully be in place prior to the University of Oregon game. Phase two will be the printing of waste minimization messaging which will also be attached to bins. The messaging will be rotated. The third phase will be signage placed above permanent indoor bins again using pictograms to better capture waste specific to the different areas. Nick Prante discussed how the signage was used at ALIVE and Backyard Bash barbecues held by UREC. Approximately 90% of waste was diverted from landfill. Events will be evaluated to determine where improvements can be made. Signage will also be used on bins received from the bin grant. Efforts are coinciding with the Common Reading book *Garbology*.
5. Dining sustainability and upcoming culinary events – Corey King
Corey a new employee for Dining Services discussed new sustainability events and efforts at WSU. Chefs are hosting a dinner at Wilson Banner Ranch showcasing their local food which WSU uses on September 14th (<http://www.wilsonbannerranch.com/>). The event includes tour of facilities. Southside Dining has introduced a vegan meal

option. Dining Services is eliminating use of plastic bags for to go meals. Further developing a program which shows students how to cook healthy food in dorms and providing educational information on healthy cooking and food options. New dorm, Global Scholar Hall, will have a market with healthy food options including meals ready to go. Working with Food Sciences to establish a food brand for healthy food. Investigating compostable cups that can be used at their facilities. Working with Charlie's Grocery to develop a couple of acres of land at the organic farm to grow food that can be used internally.

6. AASHE National Conference – Jason Sampson
AASHE National Conference is in Portland, OR on October 26-28 (<http://conference.aashe.org/2014/>). Departments will work together to organize transportation to event.
7. AASHE dues – Jason Sampson
AASHE membership dues will be paid by EH&S, CEREO, ESA, and UREC. Goal is ensure WSU's membership status in time for the AASHE conference to be held in Portland, OR in October <http://conference.aashe.org/2014/>). Departments will work together to organize transportation to event.
8. Arboretum Project – Jason Sampson
The first Green Fund project was completed at the beginning of May. The advertising/media piece needs to be completed by the project. A sign indicating the funding source and purpose of project needs to be constructed and installed.
9. Open Discussion
Dan Maher – Inquired about sustainability outreach to the Greek system. Rick Finch indicated the difficulty because their facilities fall within the Pullman City jurisdiction. Joanne Greene – UREC's new program is "Cougs can do it" which emphasizes sustainability through the inclusion of everyone, taking care of facilities and cleaning up after yourself. Student employees will handout shirts to people at the SRC who show these characteristics in their actions.

NEXT MEETING:

October 6, 2014 – CUE 518 – 3:00 pm-4:00 pm