

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee AGENDA

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Friday February 4, 2011, 2:10-3:10pm, Lighty 405

**ATTENDANTS:** Chad Krugar, Nicholas Lovrich, Terry Baxter-Potter, Dwight Hagihara, John Reed, Bridgette Brady, Terry Ryan, Skuylar Herzog, Robi Nilson, Marty O'Malley, Jamie Titone, Jason Sampson, Rick Finch, Preston Bringhurst

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1. **Call to Order** – Dwight Hagihara *Committee Interim Administrator*
  2. **Introductions and Approval of December 3, 2010 Minutes** – Dwight
  3. **Green Fund – Skuylar Herzog**
    - Skuylar proposed an amendment to the Green Fund proposal to include advertising the projects that were chosen. The Environmental Science Club (ESC) and the Environmental Task Force (ETF) will pay for the ad. After some discussion the amendment was agreed to. Dwight asked for a brief summary of the project proposal process, approval process, and the management of the fund. Skuylar started with the proposals being submitted to the ESC and ETF. The ESC, ETF, and SEC members will bring them to the SEC Green Fund sub-committee (the ESC SEC member, the ETF SEC member, a faculty SEC member, and a staff SEC member) for review and approval of proposed projects. The approved projects will be reviewed by the entire SEC. The approved projects will be published in the Evergreen for student feedback. The optional Green Fund fee from students' registration will go into a Business and Finance account and be administered by the Office of Grant and Research Development (OGRD). There was also discussion about the future plans to work with the WSU foundation to request and receive donations from commercial enterprises to supplement the Green Fund. A vote was taken and the amended Green Fund proposal was approved. Dwight requested that the ESC and ETF work with Jamie to develop a schedule of events and deadlines for the Green Fund process.
  4. **Research Stations Sustainability Website – Chad Kruger**
    - Chad Kruger informed the committee that a link to the [Mt. Vernon Research Station website](#) is available on the [Sustainability](#) website. John Reed requested that SEC members look at the website and develop ideas on how to organize the Sustainability website to recognize other statewide WSU locations. John will make a presentation of the website at the next SEC meeting.

Chad mentioned that the research stations think of themselves as a part of the Pullman Campus, due to the fact that they are part of the College of Agriculture Human and Natural Resources.

**5. World.edu Sustainable Campus Showcase Program – Dwight Hagihara**

- Dwight informed the committee that WSU has been invited to join the World.edu Community. The e-mail inviting WSU will be attached to the email with the meeting minutes. SEC members should review the e-mail, so a vote can be taken at the next SEC meeting.

**6. Comfortably Unaware book lecture series – Dwight Hagihara**

- Dwight informed the committee that Richard Oppenlander has offered to come to WSU and provide a campus-wide lecture and a QA/book signing for the book he authored, Comfortably Unaware – Global Depletion and Food Choice Responsibility. The e-mail from Richard will be attached to the email with the meeting minutes. SEC members should review the e-mail, so a vote can be taken at the next SEC meeting.

**7. Wheatland Express Moscow-Pullman Route – Bridgette Brady**

- Bridgette Brady informed the SEC that Wheatland Express Moscow-Pullman route funding was open for consideration. Parking patrons and the Parking Advisory Board believe parking permit fees should not subsidize Wheatland Express. Patrons of Wheatland Express are being surveyed to determine appropriate funding sources. Jamie Bentley offered to assist with those surveys. U of I and WSU share in the costs of Wheatland Express. Dwight asked how many people use Wheatland Express and Bridgette responded with 55,000 rides per year and 9 round trips per day. The Wheatland Express is expiring this year and the new contract will likely cost more due to fuel prices. Faculty and staff patrons use a coupon at \$1 dollar per coupon.

**8. Open Discussion**

- Dwight asked Bridgette to present Zimride and Zipcar. Zimride is a social network to share rides <http://www.parking.wsu.edu/TransportationAlternativesZimride>.
  - Zipcar will have four locations on campus. Zipcar will cost a patron \$30 per year and \$8 per hour of use and each use has a maximum range of 150 miles. Eventually Zimride and Zipcar will be linked to Facebook.
- There will be a new exhibit concerning water conservation at the Palouse Science Center. Contact Julie Titone if you are interested in participating.
- Rick Finch said Recyclemania starts in two weeks and they've begun trial runs.
- Terry asked Marty how the commuter survey was doing.
  - The first email sent announcing the survey netted 2,500 responses.
  - The second round, thus far, has yielded 3,675 responses.
- Terry asked Dwight about the campus sustainability surveys. Dwight said that the parties responsible for taking the surveys are presenting at the next SEC meeting.
- Leif informed the SEC that the Environmental Science Club and Friends of the Clearwater teamed up to do a video that will be shown February 24, in the Todd Auditorium from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

- Rick saw “Dirt,” a movie about soil’s impact on the environment, and said it was excellent for people of all ages. Dwight asked Rick to send an e-mail with the Netflix link to the SEC members.
- Jamie wanted to note that Green Bike won support from ASWSU without the encouragement from the SEC. She also noted that their plans for the winter only leave the bikes offline for 6 weeks during the worst of the Pullman winter, from November 19<sup>th</sup> until mid February.

***NEXT MEETING:** March 4, 2010 – Lighty 405 – 2:10pm-3:30pm*