

WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE, TIME, & LOCATION: Monday, November 14, 2016, 8:30-10:00 a.m., CUB 206

ATTENDEES: Jason Sampson, Leslie Sean, Chris Fischer, Dan Costello, Brent Atkinson, Richard Partain, Jeff Lannigan, Dwight Hagihara, Katie Fee, Adam Koerner, Gary Coyle, Brian Shuffield, Dan Maher

1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Approval of October minutes - Jason Sampson
Jason explained how minutes are approved via electronic mail. Since there were no comments they became official.
3. WAHESC - Jason Sampson
Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference is being held at Gonzaga University on February 16 and 17. Determining the feasibility of driving a group of representatives from WSU to event. It costs \$40 per student and \$160 per non student. There are two key note speakers, Beth Robinette (carbon negative beef rancher) and Mitch Thomashow (University of British Columbia sustainability professor). Jason explained WSU is not a sponsor or host because of current budget limitations.
4. Sustainability Fair recap - Jason Sampson
Approximately 300 individuals attended the fair which consisted of 15 vendors, 5 RSOs, and 15 departments on campus. Environmental Science department provided interactive displays. Everyone who attended had good things to say about the event and it will continue to be hosted every other year. Environmental Sustainability Alliance would like to coordinate fair with a mini Earth Week in future years.
5. Green Sports Alliance and Zero Waste Game recap - Jason Sampson
Athletics, Waste Management, and EH&S worked together to host the Zero Waste game which is part of the Green Sports Alliance and PAC 12 partnership. The November 5 game versus University of California-Berkeley was the selected game. A similar set up to the yearlong goals and efforts was maintained, but public address statements, reader board information, and advertising were included for this event. A summary is due to the GSA by November 30.is
6. Water conservation efforts - Dan Costello
Dan Costello presented information about the WSU-Pullman water system. The presentation included background of system, how WSU maintains system, and improvements that have been made, are being made, and will be made. Dan showed where water is being used and explained where there could be potential for reduction in use. The presentation was provided to the committee.

7. Open discussion

Katie Fee - Two projects are being presented to the ESA and will be forwarded to the committee. ESA is working on plans for a mini Earth Week which will take place in the fall semester each year to maintain focus on the need for sustainability throughout the year,

Gary Coyle - Dining Services is working with purchasing to move forward on the Green Restaurant Certification.

Dan Maher - Mentioned the need to work with students to better explain how the Green Fund works and the roll of the SEC perhaps through the how they can better development acceptable projects for the campus.

***NEXT MEETING: To be December 5, 2016
8:30-10:00 CUB 206***