

# WSU Sustainability & the Environment Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**DATE, TIME, & LOCATION:** Thursday, March 23, 2017, 10:30-12:00 p.m., Lighty 401

**ATTENDEES:** Jason Sampson, Dwight Hagihara, Gary Coyle, Katie Fee, Dan Maher, Amanda Stahl, Nicolas Prante, Rick Finch, Brent Atkinson, Amy Whiteman, Francene Watson, Daniel Molina, Jeff Lannigan

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1. Call to Order - Jason Sampson
2. Approval of February minutes - Jason Sampson  
Jason explained how minutes are approved via electronic mail. Since there were no comments they became official.
3. Water bottle refilling stations proposal - Jason Sampson  
Facilities Services provided an estimate with two options; replace existing units with Elkay units or upgrade existing units with Gooseneck Glass Filler Kits. The estimate was higher than anticipated so SEC determined Jason should go back to Facilities Services for a clarification on the pricing and provide information to SEC. If possible, the proposal and associated options would be voted on via electronic mail.
4. Greenhouse proposal - Jason Sampson  
Facilities Services provided a conceptual estimate, broken down into four parts; siting, electrical, plumbing, and natural gas. Jason, Phil Johnson and Dan Costello (Facilities Services, and Lee Mendez, Lynne Carpenter Boggs, and Brad Jaeckel (Organic Farm) will meet to identify funding and how to pay for development of the design. If the funding can be identified the proposal will be voted on via electronic mail.
5. Restoration project proposal - Daniel Molina  
Daniel Molina provided an overview of the Magpie Forest which is one of the last remaining Native Palouse Prairie Ecosystems. The Forestry Club is asking for \$4,030 to plant native plants and the appropriate plant protection and watering system to ensure success rate of plants. Dwight Hagihara was going to check with Real Estate office to ensure there were no plans to sell property in near future. If it was determined WSU was going to maintain ownership the SEC will vote on project via electronic mail.
6. ESA's Earth Week plans - Katie Fee  
Katie provided a list of activities ESA will have during Earth Week. Some of this events include the Minimalist (documentary screening and speaker), hydrology discussion, fair in the mall, kayake and clean up on the Snake River, and several other hands on events. Wants dates and times have been finalized they will provided information to the committee. Everyone will receive tabling invites via Cougsync.
7. Open Discussion

Gary Coyle

Dining Services hosted a Under the MSE event which highlighted the MSE certification and provide a menu with focus on seafood.

Rick Finch

Working with Lynne Carpenter Boggs to development a plan to certify at least a portion of the compost facility as organic compost. Organic compost is a requirement to maintain the Organic Farm certification. Part of the certification process is looking at biodegradable plastics which do not meet the criteria of the certification

***NEXT MEETING: To April 20, 2017  
10:30-12:00 Lighty 403***