

Position Title

Faculty Director of WSU's Sustainability Practices and Research Center (SPARC)

Position Summary

The Director of the Sustainability Practices and Research Center will be responsible for overall leadership and management of the Center, its activities, and staff. S/he will work to advance the mission of the Center which is to inform and educate WSU students, faculty, staff and the local and statewide community in order to ensure the sustainability of our region and our world for future generations. S/he will work collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders both on and off campus, including the Academic Sustainability Coordinator and the University Sustainability Coordinator to plan, develop, coordinate, and implement and evaluate a variety of sustainability-related events and programs. S/he will also work as an Ex-Officio member with the Faculty Senate Environmental Issues Committee, which shall function as an advisory board for the Center.

Term: Position is for a three-year renewable appointment, with a maximum of six consecutive years. Position will carry reassigned time that is equivalent to four three-hour classes per year.

Appointed by and Reports to: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Specific Responsibilities/Duties

- Work to foster greater integration of sustainability in curricular and co-curricular offerings at WSU.
- Oversee the management of all logistics involved in successfully hosting the annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit at WSU with the advice and input from the ISS volunteer planning committee. (Primary planning and coordination duties for the ISS fall to the Academic Sustainability Coordinator.)
- Work with the Energy & Sustainability Office to make progress on the goals outlined in the academic, engagement, and planning/administration sections of the nationally recognized Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS).
- Provide faculty support for sustainability course development and sustainability-related research.
- Collaborate with the EIC and/or a variety of on and off campus entities to host sustainability-related guest speakers, workshops, and events.
- Facilitate community-based projects which provide opportunities for faculty-student collaboration across disciplines through applied research and consulting with private, public, and non-profit community partners (e.g. launch a community solar program).
- Work with the University Sustainability Coordinator and EIC Chair to maintain WSU's sustainability website, social media sites, newsletters, brochures, and other promotional materials.

- Work with the University Sustainability Coordinator to build involvement in sustainability initiatives for the University among students, employees, supervisors, management, and representatives from other campuses in the region.
- Work with the University Sustainability Coordinator to foster organizational and individual behavior change for enhanced sustainability using social marketing and other effective, efficient methodologies.
- Coordinate and be responsible for 4-5 annual editions of *Weber Green*, the newsletter of sustainability-related events, news, opportunities, initiatives, and curricular developments at WSU.
- Manage the budget for sustainability-related activities, programs, events; preparing budget requests and monitoring and approving expenditures.
- Work closely as an Ex-Officio member with the Faculty Senate Environmental Issues Committee, which shall serve as an advisory board for the Center and a source of ideas and help for project/event envisioning and implementation.
- Establish and Chair a Community Sustainability Advisory Board, to meet annually or bi-annually, in order to facilitate dialogue and collaborative partnerships on sustainability-related initiatives and projects between WSU and various public, private, and non-profit entities in the region.
- Provide reports to Academic Affairs and other entities as required.

Required Qualifications and Skills

- A full-time, tenured or tenure track faculty at WSU.
- Demonstrated interest and experience in sustainability practices/research.
- Two years of experience directly related to creating and implementing environmental policy or sustainability projects/programs.
- Excellent communication skills, including but not limited to: technical writing, computer skills, public speaking, and oral presentation.
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work with all Schools and Divisions of Weber State University
- Strong organizational and administrative skills.
- Must be a creative and collaborative problem solver

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications will be accepted through November 21, 2014. Applications should include 1) a letter of application addressing qualifications and understanding of current sustainability initiatives/programs at WSU and vision for the Center, 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) names and daytime telephone numbers of at least three references, and 4) an indication that the candidate's Chair and Dean support the application. Nominations or applications should be sent to: Michael Vaughan c/o Office of Academic Affairs, MC 1004. For more information, contact mvaughan@weber.edu ext 7308.