EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2017-2018

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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE (EIC)

PPM 1-13, Article B-5, Section 4.6: Committee on Environmental Issues

The Environmental Issues Committee shall help facilitate the integration of environmental initiatives into academic affairs, student affairs, and facilities management. The committee shall serve as a local and statewide source for scientifically-based information and for leadership on environmental issues affecting Utah, the Wasatch Front and WSU campus communities.

1. Organize the EIC subcommittee for the Student & Faculty Sustainability Research Awards, which is responsible for the advertisement/promotion on campus, judging of submissions, and making awards during Spring semester each year (4-5 members) (Ongoing)

2. Contribute to the planning, management, promotion and hosting of events in the campus Sustainability speaker, film, and discussion series working with Sustainability Practices & Research Center (SPARC) as the central coordinator, 2-3 events per semester. (Ongoing)

3. Support the SPARC in the planning and implementation of the Intermountain Sustainability Summit. Two to four EIC members will serve on the planning committee for the annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit in March. EIC members also serve as moderators/judges/volunteers on the day of the Summit. (Ongoing)

4. Work with the SPARC on content for the campus sustainability newsletter (3-4 issues per semester). (Ongoing)

5. Support for Sustainability Designator:
   a. Complete the process of getting a sustainability designator (SUST) in place for courses including sustainability (Fall 2017)
   b. Organize and manage the SUST Designator review subcommittee (made up of the SPARC director/EIC co-chair and one faculty from each college from the EIC) for the review of courses submitted for possible SUST designation. (Spring 2018 and ongoing)

6. Support efforts to advance the inclusion of sustainability in general education at WSU. For 2017-2018 this includes a themed general education “track” proposal.

7. Collaborate with the SPARC in the development and maintenance of content for SPARC’s web-based sustainability resource hub for the WSU and wider community.
   a. For 2017-2018 work with Library to create a LIBGUIDE for sustainability
   b. Building in Canvas a resource for faculty to support sustainability classes/teaching

8. Review and strategize with the SPARC and Energy & Sustainability Office (ESO) to move WSU forward to advance sustainability on campus and achieve a higher rating in the Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) through the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. (Currently aiming for STARS Silver.) Focus for 2017-2018 – survey of faculty for STARS data and campus sustainability survey.