

Charges October 12, 2023

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2023-2024

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ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE (EIC)

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

The Environmental Initiatives Committee, working in conjunction with the Sustainability Practices and Research Center (SPARC), facilitates the integration of environmental and sustainability initiatives into Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Facilities Management. This committee also supports SPARC in its activities and role as a local and statewide resource for scientifically-based information and for leadership in addressing sustainability challenges. The committee serves as both advisory board to SPARC and a rotating working group of faculty from across the colleges, which studies, evaluates and makes recommendations for sustainability-supportive policy affecting the campus community. The committee shall be led by Co-Chairs: one faculty member from the EIC and the other the Director of the SPARC, or the Director's designee.

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 (sponsored by the SPARC) during Spring semester each year. **(Ongoing)**
2. Contribute to the planning, management, promotion and hosting of events in the campus sustainability speaker, film, and discussion series (working with 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. Support efforts to advance the inclusion of sustainability in general education at WSU. **(Ongoing)**
5. 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. **(Ongoing)**
6. Continue to support efforts to expand partnerships across campus with various programs/departments, e.g., Wellness, the WSU Outdoor Program, alumni, student affairs, Center for Community Engaged Learning, student organizations, and in the broader community (e.g., Ogden City) to envision and implement sustainability- related initiatives. **(Ongoing)**

7. Maintain the SUS Attribute Review subcommittee (made up of the faculty director of SPARC/EIC co-chair and one faculty experienced with sustainability teaching from each college, ideally EIC members) for the review of courses submitted for possible SUS designation. (**Ongoing**)
8. Ensure that the language of new or updated documents are inclusive. Review those documents to see how they may inadvertently impact particular communities in an adverse manner. Consult with EDI taskforce for guidance (**Ongoing**)
9. Explore support for a mandatory carbon fee/offset related to campus parking, following trial of voluntary option in place for 2022 – 23
10. Development of a **Climate Education Week** event(s) in conjunction with the national/international Solve Climate by 2030 initiative in April, 2024.
11. Explore how to further sustainability and inclusivity (e.g., vegan/gluten free options, etc.) in regular food operations and offerings on campus and make recommendations with respect to advancing toward WSU's STARS Gold goal in the *Amplified* plan.
12. Explore the need to propose updates to the campus Transportation Policy, with an eye to fostering more active/alternative transportation to and on campus
13. Explore options to support biodiversity on campus (another STARS credit area), possibly through creation of an interdisciplinary Living Lab project