EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2018-2019

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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 (sponsored by the SPARC) during Spring semester each year. Greater effort needs to be made to encourage student submissions. (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. Work with the SPARC on content for the campus sustainability newsletter (3-4 issues per semester). (Ongoing)

5. Support efforts to advance the inclusion of sustainability in general education at WSU.

6. 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.

7. Review and strategize with the SPARC and 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.
   a. Bike and pedestrian friendly campus

8. 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.

9. If/when implemented -- Organize and manage the SUST Designator review subcommittee (made up of the faculty director of SPARC/EIC co-chair and one faculty from each college on the EIC) for the review of courses submitted for possible SUST designation.

10. Support SPARC in offering a faculty “brown-bag” type series of brief presentations and discussion on faculty sustainability research, local/regional case studies tied to sustainability to promote awareness, cross-disciplinary conversations and foster sustainability in the curriculum.