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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2021-2022

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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. Streamline the submission forms so that the infrastructure can easily be passed along when committee members turn over. (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)
 - a. Work with the SPARC on content for the campus sustainability newsletter (3-4 issues per Semester). (Ongoing)
 - b. Support efforts to advance the inclusion of sustainability in general education at WSU. (Ongoing)
 - c. 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)
 - d. 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)
 - e. 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)
4. Develop a campus-wide recognition program or award for sustainability-related teaching, community projects and/or campus-internal efforts to promote sustainability.
5. Potential development of a sustainability course-based small grants.
6. Explore strategies for reducing transportation related carbon emissions on campus.
7. Development of a climate teach-in event in conjunction with the national/international Solve Climate by 2030 initiative in March, 2022
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. As issues are identified, consult with EDI committee for guidance (Ongoing)