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After talking with Jennifer Bodine, Alice Mulder the following charges are suggested for EIC for the 2015-2016 academic year.

- 1 - Given the university's commitment to sustainability, as stated both by President Wight and as evidenced in the accomplishments of the Energy and Sustainability Office and the EIC, it would be great to have University leadership regularly voice their support for pro- sustainability behaviors on campus. I would love to see our SPARC Director serving on President's Council Many universities have claimed that is one of the most important wins they have achieved; when they get a direct sustainability adviser to the university president.
- 2 - We (EIC) want to encourage or promote more environmentally friendly or green purchasing policies. We want energy efficient products, products lacking harsh chemicals or VOCs, products made from recycled materials or rapidly renewable materials, etc. Paper and electronics would be the easiest things to first focus on. All of our computers, printers, monitors, scanners, etc. should be Energy Star rated and paper should be comprised of 30% recycled content at a minimum.
- 3 - * Cut down on paperwork by eliminating letters to faculty and staff on stationary and flyers, announcements etc., to be electronic.
- 4 - A "Ride the Bus" sustainability training program (30 minutes approximately) to educate new faculty, staff, and students on sustainability practices and expectations for newcomers to our campus community (mandatory training, but fun).
- 5 - * Get rid of bookstore plastic bags.
- 6 - Ask President Wight to sign on to the National Mayor's sustainability initiative to be in concert and cooperation with WSU sustainability policies. Mayors in all 50 states have done this. You can see the list here: <http://www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/agreement.htm>.