*Updated 2 September 2016*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2016-17**

Shaun Hansen, Chair

Gary Johnson, Liaison

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

***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. Managing the EIC website/calendar and coordinating/managing the production of a newsletter to be published Sep, Nov, Feb and April (content coming from Energy/Sustainability Office and EIC)

1. Lead the EIC subcommittee for the *Student & Faculty Sustainability Research Awards*, including advertisement/promotion on campus, judging of nominations, and making awards during Spring semester:

1. Work with the *Teaching and Learning Forum* to integrate sustainability related programming into the academic year and/or planning and hosting EIC sponsored events (e.g., informal lunch discussion/workshops, sustainability book on reading group list).
2. Responsible for management, promotion (with help from Shaun) and hosting an event in the EIC’s speaker, film, and discussion series.
3. Explore the creation of a Faculty/Staff Environmental Ambassadors program, building on the Green Office Certification Program. (Peer-to-peer education is known to be effective; we might want to start with departments that have successfully accomplished Green Team objectives?)
4. Serve as EIC’s “STARS Academic Liaisons” to work (in conjunction with Jenn Bodine) to identify and create an action plan for filling gaps in WSU’s STARS profile. In addition, discussions need to be continued in partnership with the Energy/Sustainability Office to address Scope 3 emissions, per WSU’s Climate Action Plan.
5. EIC Liaison to coordinate with the WSU Energy/Sustainability Office to host the Intermountain Sustainability Summit in March 2017.
6. Continue to work toward/devise a rationale for a Sustainability Associates degree and increase sustainability-related student course offerings/ learning outcomes, perhaps via a Gen Ed course taken by all students (or push for sustainability to be incorporated into gen ed – e.g., combined with diversity). Also, continue to pursue a “Sustainability” Designation for Classes (similar to that used by the CCEL) and have these listed in the course catalog so that students can easily find these courses.

1. Seek to get our Campus “Green” by working with Jenn Bodine on Green Team initiative and: 1) Exploring policy recommendations for the university related to green office operations – e.g., Energy Star certified machines, 30%+ recycled paper content, etc.. 2) Finding ways to cut down on WSU’s waste by using email instead of letters to faculty and staff on stationary, flyers, and announcements, etc... 3) Finding a way to do away with bookstore plastic bags. 4) Working with purchasing to ensure we are purchasing energy efficient products w/o harsh chemicals, etc.
2. Pursue getting an Ogden City sustainability liaison to attend EIC meetings and serve as a point of contact, with the aim of better communication and partnerships between WSU and the city on sustainability matters. (This comes from our session with the mayor at the EIC Sustainability Retreat 2014.)

1. Foster the budding relationship with the Ogden LDS Institute to promote and potentially partner on sustainability issues/events relevant to the WSU and wider communities.
2. Pursue improving communications/PR about sustainability on campus both achievements as well as education about related topics. Also, work to use social media to promote sustainability related events to campus and wider community.
3. Coordinate, advertise and host a faculty sustainability/environmental development (EIC/SPARC) retreat at Alta for May 2017. (Consider an additional event in Ogden for new faculty, etc.)
4. Solar picnic table project – (Executive Committee has requested photos and description)--Working with Fred Chiou.

15. Seek ways for EIC/SPARC to synergize (open for input from all EIC/SPARC).

16. Work towards implementing a “Ride the Bus” sustainability training program (30 minutes approximately) initiated to educate new faculty, staff, and students on sustainability practices and expectations for newcomers to our campus community (mandatory training, but fun).

17. Given WSU’s stated commitment to sustainability, find ways to encourage University leadership to regularly voice support for pro-sustainability behaviors on campus. (Having SPARC Director serve on President’s Council might provide President w/a direct Sustainability Advisor and help keep sustainability a top priority.)

18. Compile semester-by-semester lists of sustainability courses- campus wide- for distribution and advertisement all over campus.

19. See if EIC can be granted a consulting role with regard to university construction projects with objective of saving WSU money and helping to prevent environmental harm.

20. Pursue ways to make campus more bicycle friendly (e.g. lanes, parking, etc.).