

PRESIDENT'S SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday Feb 16, 2018

2:00-3:00 PM

Reid Campus Center Rm 207

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Meeting was called to order at 2:10pm.

In Attendance:

Brandon Bishop

Heidi Dobson

Ryan Garrett

Wil Kotnik

Amy Molitor

Abby Seethoff

Rachna Sinnott

Victoria Wolff

Guest: Sandra Canon & Erendira Cruz from the Sustainable Living Center

2. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT. (5 minutes)

Items heard under public comment may be for items either on or off the agenda. Action may not be taken on items raised under public comment. The Chair may elect to take public comment on action items on this agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable limits on the length members of the public may speak.

- a) No Public Comment was heard at this time.

4. MINUTES.

- a. Minutes 11/7/2017

5. OLD BUSINESS.

- a. No old business was heard.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Smart Business Partner Award Presentation: Sandra Canon and Erendira Cruz Presented the Smart Business Partnership award for 2017. There was discussion of the College winning the Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce's Smart Business Partner Award for a large business.

- b. Status of Regional Recycling: Brandon Bishop report on the current status of recycling within the Walla Walla Valley and abroad. The committee approved a motion to request that all campus silverware, containers, and cups served by Bon Appetit be switched to compostable items in order to mitigate harm from discontinued recycling. Brandon will draft letter and send to the committee.
- c. Discussion of Strategic Plan:
A brief status of sustainability in the strategic plan was given. The committee discussed ways in which sustainability can be better integrated in various aspects of the strategic plan i.e. Celebrating our Location and Academic components.
- d. Discussion of campus paper: The committee considered a change to campus paper. The committee reviewed current Georgia Pacific 100% recycled paper v. Tree Zero Paper. The committee requested additional information related to other brands prior to taking action on the item.
- e. Sustainability Coordinator Report: Committee did not get to report
- f. ASWC Sustainability Report: Committee did not get to report.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No Announcements were made.

8. REQUESTS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

9. MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20pm



The mission of the President's Sustainability Advisory Committee is to promote a respect for and commitment to environmental awareness and responsibility within the Whitman College community. This dedicated group of faculty, staff, and students meets monthly to develop a direction for an increased commitment to sustainability campus-wide. The Committee is chaired by the Campus Sustainability Coordinator.

Our purpose is to:

- Undertake a leadership role in representing members of the Whitman College community on sustainability issues
- Promote a lifelong commitment to environmental stewardship among members of the Whitman community through programs of education and awareness
- Support and promote the initiatives of students, staff, and faculty that serve to enhance the College's sustainability
- Develop recommendations to the administration that further the College's long-range environmental goals
- Uphold the environmental principles of the College and advocate for practices aimed at reducing Whitman's impact on the environment