

Charges September 12, 2024

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHARGES FOR 2024-2025

Robert Reynolds Co-Chair Alice Mulder, Co-Chair SPARC Director
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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. Review the recommendations of the Shared Governance task force related to the EIC committee, in September, to prepare for a vote of the Faculty Senate on October 10th 2024 and share feedback with the Executive Committee to facilitate the vote.
2. 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. **(Ongoing)**
3. 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)**
4. 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)**
5. 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)**
6. Support efforts to advance the inclusion of sustainability in general education at WSU. **(Ongoing)**
7. Explore options to support biodiversity on campus (another STARS credit area), possibly through creation of an interdisciplinary Living Lab project.

8. Explore fostering engagement with Green Department/Green Badge programs and Green Purchasing/Events initiatives on campus, perhaps through visits to College Council meetings.