

**UW-La Crosse  
Joint Committee on Environmental Sustainability  
Meeting Minutes - Friday 9/22/2017**

Meeting called to order.

Introductions of those in attendance. Present: Ben Golden, Margot Higgins, Steven Fulton, John Pieper, Dennis Rodenberg, Maddie Makinster, Grace Ruetten, Courtney Baker, Erika Ward, Haley Jurecki, Judy Arney, Kris Rolfhus, Rebecah Neitzel, Dillon Baldassari, Jenna DeShaney, William Doering, Todd Will

**Announcements:**

UW-L Fashion week mini-grant has been funded (Oct. 23-27)

UW System-Wide Sustainability meeting - Nov 9-10

Review of funded Green fund requests.

Chancellor Gow visiting JCES on Oct. 20

**New Business**

Minutes - Meeting from last morning informally given as no recorder had yet been elected.

**Motion to nominate Ben Golden as Secretary.**

Discussion. M/S/P 11/0/0

**Environmental Studies Faculty/Staff**

Margot Higgins nominated. Discussion M/SP 12/0/0

**Motion to create student co-chair as non-voting member unless they already fulfill a voting role in JCES per bylaws.** Discussion of potential bylaws change at a future date.

M/S/P 12/0/0

**Motion to create dual co-chairs Jenna DeShaney and Haley Jurecki**

M/S/P 13/0/0

Discussion of chair positions.

**Motion to dissolve just-created co-chairs and nomination of student Haley Jurecki as chair and Barrett Klein and Jenna DeShaney as co-co chairs.**

M/S/P 13/0/0

Final 17/18 committee roles:

**Chair**

Haley Jurecki (Student)

**Co-Chairs**

Barrett Klein (Faculty)

Jenna DeShaney (Student)

**Recorder**

Ben Golden (IAS)

**JCES Fall 2017 Roster**

Faculty or IAS

1. Kelly Nowicki
2. Ben Golden
3. Todd Will
4. Kristofer Rolfhus

Academic Staff

1. Steven Fulton
2. Dennis Rodenberg
3. William Doering

University Staff

1. John Pieper
2. ? (John will ask around)

Environmental Studies Program Faculty or IAS

1. Margot Higgins
2. Faculty or IAS

Students for Sustainability (*May be subject to change by S4S vote*)

1. Maddie Makinster
2. Courtney Baker

Green Fund Coordinator

1. Dylan Baldassari

Student Association Environmental Sustainability Director and another SA member

1. Haley Jurecki
2. ?

Student Embassy

1. ?

Barrett discussed past subcommittees and invited ideas for pertinent issues and subcommittees.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—LA CROSSE

**Joint Committee on**

**Environmental Sustainability**

1725 STATE STREET, LA CROSSE, WI, 54601

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, October 06, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM

Minutes of 10/6/2017 approved M/S/P 11/0/0

Attendance:

Old Business:

- Roster
  - Students for sustainability and university staff roles were clarified and names were added to the roster in the google drive
- Subcommittees
  - Kelly N. spoke on the history of the subcommittees
  - Discussion of sustainability coordination and past efforts to secure a sustainability coordinator
  - Discussion of which subcommittees still have interest among the committee
  - Discussion of Marketing and Website as a standing subcommittee

New Business

- Mini Green Fund Request: Biodegradable bags reimbursement
  - Discussion
  - M/S/P 13/0/0
- Mini Green Fund Request: SFS Farmers Market Reusable Bags
  - Discussion
  - M/S/P 13/0/0
- Green funding budget update for next meeting

Discussion

- Calls to Action
  - Waste on Campus (construction)
  - Sustainability Coordination - Discuss chancellor Gow
- Review bylaws (ideas for strengthening)
  - Change meeting time
  - More specificity for seats and general intentions
- Topics of conversation with October 17<sup>th</sup>'s meeting with Chancellor Gow
  -

a. October 20<sup>th</sup> in 137 Wimberly!

- b. Fashion Week Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>
  - VI. Adjournment



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**Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, October 20, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** 137 Wimberly

Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM

**Attendance:**

Haley Jureki (Chair), Jenna DeShaney, Todd Will, Kris Rolhus, Barrett Klein, Dennis Rodenberg, Steven Fulton, Maddie Makinster, William Doering, Grace Ruetten, Dylan Baldassari, Courtney Baker, Kelsey Newmann, Rebecah Neitzel, Kelly Nowicki, Dan Sweetman, Ben Golden

**Guests:**

Chancellor Joe Gow, Larry Ringgenberg, Kaitlyn Cummings, Alysa Remsburg, Payton Bjorkman,

- Chancellor Gow discussed the history of the JCES and the the idea of a “charge” from the chancellor.
- Discussion of priorities including STARS Certification, sustainability coordinator
- Discussion of where sustainability fits within the strategic plan of the university.
- Discussion of coordination of Sustainability on campus. Chancellor Gow noted that funding new administrative positions is currently very difficult.
- Barrett and Kelly discussed the need for dedicated, funded time to address sustainability coordination.
- Discussion of funding through the Green Fund. In the past, student senate has been unresponsive to that use of the Green Fund.
- Dan Sweetman discussed sustainability as it related to FPM and current efforts.
- Joe discussed the possibility of dividing efforts into facilities, educational and communications/outreach
- Larry Ringgenberg discussed chargebacks for University Centers Green energy purchases

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Announcements**

- a. Fashion Week Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, November 3, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

**Attendance:**

Ben Golden, Dennis Rodenberg, John Pieper, Steven Fulton, Grace Ruetten, Courtney Baker, Margo Higgins, Todd Will, Payton Bjorkman, Kaitlyn Cummings, Rebecah Neitzel, Dylan Baldassari, Kris Rolfhus, William Doering, Barrett Klein, Jenna DeShaney, Haley Jurecki

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
  - a. Green Fund Expense Report was discussed. Discussion of green fund process, requirements.
  - b. Discussion of Green fund deadlines and submission process
    - i. Idea of dual deadlines - initial submission and final
    - ii. Green fund coordinator can amend deadlines
  - c. Haley discussed potential changes in Green Fund (allocable v. non-allocable) for FY19 more information after next SUFAC meeting.
- III. New Business
  - a. Green Fund large grant proposals
  - b. Theatre Grant Proposal
    - i. Motion to approve and rate at highest priority
    - ii. M/S/P 15/0/1
  - c. Vermicomposting Proposal
    - i. Motion to request re-draft in next two weeks that does not allocate money to non-student worker.
    - ii. M/S/P 16/0/0
  - d. Energy Surcharge
    - i. Motion to approve surcharge for UW green energy surcharge
    - ii. M/S/P 15/1/0
  - e. Energy Surcharge - Bookstore
    - i. Motion to approve surcharges for bookstore as Mini-Grant request, directly from JCES
    - ii. M/S/P 15/0/1
  - f. Discussion
  - g. Green Fund Proposals will be ranked and given final priority at next meeting (11/17).
- IV. Announcements

November 17th Meeting will be in Wimberley  
V. Adjournment at 11:59 AM



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, November 17, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** Wimberly 137

**Attendance:**

TBD

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business

- a. Green Fund Large Grant Proposals

- i. Vermicomposter-Larry

- 1. Discussion of revised proposal.
    - 2. Motion to Approve proposal M/S/P 15/0/0

- ii. Green Energy Surcharge-Larry

- 1. Discussion of proposal
    - 2. Discussion of appropriateness of using student funds to support energy costs for-profit entities (bookstore, ect).
    - 3. Motion to reject mini-grant portions M/S/P 13/0/2
    - 4. Discussion of large grant request appropriateness. Discussion of relative priority level.
    - 5. Motion to approve proposal with recommendation of highlighting/advertising to campus.

- a. M/S/P 13/1/1

- iii. Theater Lighting-Ben

- 1. Discussion of use in GPR facilities - Motion to approve theatre lighting expenditure. Discussion of recycling of old instruments
    - 2. M/S/P 13/0/2

- iv. Discussion of Priority

- v. Motion to send to SUFAC at following priority M/S/P 15/0/0

- 1. Vermicomposter
    - 2. Theatre Lighting
    - 3. Energy Surcharge

- b. Green Fund Expense Report

- III. New Business

- a. Green Fund Mini Grant proposal

- i. Green Energy Surcharge-Dylan

- 1. As noted above:



- a. Discussion of appropriateness of using student funds to support energy costs for-profit entities (bookstore, ect).
    - b. Motion to reject mini-grant portions M/S/P 13/0/2
  - ii. U-Locks-Josh Roshtek
    - 1. Discussion of grant proposal. Request for 70 locks to encourage biking because of worry about bike theft.
    - 2. Motion to have requestor re-submit after costs finalized and approval for business services is acquired. M/S/P 15/0/0

#### IV. Discussion

- a. Student Senate goals
  - i. Reduce recycling 33%-Kaitlyn
  - ii. Plastic water bottle ban-Haley

#### V. Adjournment at 11:59 AM



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2017

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

Voting Members: Ben Golden, Dan Sweetman, Grace Ruetten, Courtney Baker, Barrett Klein, Rebecah Neitzel, William Doering, Steven Fulton, Todd Will, Dylan Baldassari, Payton Bjorkmann, Kaitlyn Cummings, Kris Rolfhus

Guests: Mitch Bunting, Joshua Rostek, Jenna DeShanney

**Location:** Student Senate

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. M/S/P 12/0/0
- III. Old Business
  - a. Discussion of SUFAC voting on Green Fund
    - i. Vermicomposter (Not Passed by SUFAC)
    - ii. Theatre Lighting (Not Passed by SUFAC)
    - iii. Green Energy Purchase (Passed by SUFAC)
- IV. New Business
  - a. Barrett proposes a sub-committee on aligning Green Fund bylaws with student seg fees guidelines and clarifying language.
    - i. Ben and Dylan will be initial members of subcommittee.
    - ii. Committee will look into UW system guidelines for student funding so Green Fund bylaws can be aligned with system guides
  - b. Discussion of by-law changes - SUFAC member on JCES
  - c. Guest: Discussion of Bike Lock mini-grant that was voted on and passed via e-mail.
- V. Discussion
  - a. Dan Sweetman-UWL Recycling
    - i. Discussion of receptacles, advertising efforts, ect.
- VI. Announcements
  - a. Student Senate voting on Green Fund Projects on Wednesday 12/6/17
  - b. Next meeting will be Friday, December 15th (first day of finals) for all who can attend.
- VII. Adjournment



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, January 26th 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Ben Golden, Rebecah Neitzel, Rachel Steffen, Barrett Klein, Maddie Makinster, Dennis Rodenberg, John Pieper, Steven Fulton, William Doering, Courtney Backer, Kris Rolfhus

**Guests:** Dylan Baldassari, Jenna DeShanney

**Location:** Student Senate

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from 12/1/2017
  - a. M/S/P 10/0/0
- III. New Business
  - a. Discussion of semester II subcommittees
    - i. Recycling efforts on campus
    - ii. Eliminating plastic water bottles
      1. Haley looking for assistance
    - iii. Solidifying/updating Green Fund Bylaws
      1. Aligning with SUFAC/Student Senate Priorities and UW System policies
    - iv. Updating JCES bylaws
      1. Exploring a change in bylaws
      2. Committee Membership
        - a. RHAC/Embassy Slot
    - v. Earth Day
      1. Students for Sustainability has some projects in the works)
  - b. Discussion of identifying other issues by conferring with other UW system schools
  - c. Discussion of committees that may be of long term v. short term interest
  - d. Subcommittees are open for membership - Haley will send out for those not present.
- IV. Announcements
  - a. Barrett initiated a discussion of new student scholarships associated with donation and naming of new Prairie Springs Science center
- V. Adjournment



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday - February 23, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Maddie Makinster, Claire Lemery, Rachel Steffen, Rebecah Neitzel, Ben Golden, Kris Rolfhus, Steven Fulton, Barrett Klein

**Guests:** Jenna DeShaney, William Doering, Dylan Baldassari, Victor Hill, Dennis Rodenberg

Call to Order

- I. Old Business
- II. New Business
  - a. Alternate JCES member
    - i. A faculty voting member is on sick leave through April. The committee would like to explore inviting an alternate through the spring semester. Haley will ask faculty senate to advise.
  - b. JCES Bylaws
    - i. Discussion of committee membership
      1. Motion to strike STARS coordinator and RHAC student due to structural changes which make those roles unfillable.
      2. Discussion of broadening student categories to allow for greater participation within the current number of student members
      3. Haley will make some proposed changes based on discussion and bring them to the committee at our next meeting
  - c. Solar Charging Stations-Dennis
    - i. Discussion of possible Green Fund grant
  - d. Subcommittees
- III. Announcements
- IV. Adjournment



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday - March 9th, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Ben Golden, Kris Rolfhus, Steven Fulton, John Pieper, Maddie Makinster, Barrett Klein, Rebecca Neitzel, Dan Sweetman.

**Guests:** Dylan Baldassari, William Doering, Morgan Worachek, Alysa Remsberg

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
  - a. Mini-Grant: Vermicomposting
    - Discussion
    - Motion to approve at \$1500. M/S/P 10/0/0
  - b. Mini-Grant: Diva Cups (previously approved Fall 2017)
    - Discussion:
      - Has been previously approved, but funds have not been spend.
      - Dan mentioned that there should be a form for gifts w/business service to be filled out.
    - Motion to extend deadline to use funds for use in the Spring semester of 2018. M/S/P 9/1/0
- IV. Discussion
  - a. Website
    - Allyssa Remsburg shared ideas for the website and asked for interest in updating.
  - b. Green Fund Bylaws update
    - Various updates were discussed, including mini grant amount and eligibility guidelines. Proposed language will be added/changed and presented at next meeting
  - c. JCES Bylaws update
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday - March 23rd, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Ben Golden, Todd Will, Kris Rolfhus, Maddie Makinster, Rachel Steffen, Kelly Nowicki, Alysa Remsburg, Claire Lemery, Barrett Klein, Dennis Rodenburg, John Pieper, Kiley Yttri, Steve Fulton

**Guests:** Dylan Baldassari, Victor Hill

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
  - a. Green Fund Large Grant Applications
    - i. Green Bikes
      1. Discussion of grant request. Grant would be a continuation of previous funding to the campus Green Bike program
      2. By consensus, committee agrees to postpone vote until more detailed accounting of past expenditures and outcomes can be provided. Vote may occur via email due to time restrictions.
    - ii. Parking LED lights
      1. Discussion of scale and scope of grant request.
      2. By consensus, committee agrees to postpone vote clarification of lumen output and inclusion of poles, as well as a clarific
    - iii. Solar Tables
      1. Discussion of scale and scope of project.
      2. Motion to approve as written. M/S/P - 13/0/1
    - iv. Pollinator Panel
      1. Discussion of sign aesthetics and location. Location will be outdoors if possible under current Green Fund bylaws which prohibit “landscaping” expenses. Dr. Bob Hetzel’s office has been contacted for input.
      2. By consensus, committee agrees to postpone vote pending the following stipulations. Vote may occur via email due to time restrictions.
        - a. Inclusion of defined additional expenditures (installation, ect) up to a maximum of \$4500

- b. Inclusion of plan to advertise to various campus groups (vanguards, ect)
  - b. Green Fund Mini Grant Application
    - i. Bike U-Locks
      - 1. Discussion of appropriateness of grant given limited reach
      - 2. Motion to approve pending the following stipulations:
        - a. Amount is increased to utilize full \$2000 mini-grant request
        - b. Distribution will be randomized and open to all students
        - c. Unused locks will be donated to campus green bikes
        - d. M/S/P 14/0/0

#### IV. Discussion

- a. Website
  - i. Funding is available through Dan Sweetman to update the website. A student will do the updates supervised by Alyssa Remsburg
- b. Green Fund Bylaws update
  - i. Ben will share a google document with proposed changes that is open for comment from the committee

#### V. Announcements

#### VI. Adjournment



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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday - April 20th, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:**

**Guests:**

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
  - a. Mini-Grant Request - Food Storage Boxes
    - i. Discussion - Some typographical errors in budgeting that need to be corrected.
    - ii. Motion to approve funding up to \$2000.
      1. M/S/P 13/0/0
  - b. All large grant requests have been forwarded from SUFAC to Student Senate.
  - c. Green Fund Budget Update
    - i. Negative balance which will be corrected once incoming funds from new semester.
- III. New Business
  - a. Mini-Grant Requests - Student Health Center - Water Bottle Filler
    - i. Discussion
    - ii. Motion to approve as written.
      - a. M/S/P 12/0/1
  - b. Mini-Grant Request - Bins for the U
    - i. Discussion - More information needed from Harters on whether the two types of recycling need to be separated. Also more information should be provided on the waste disposal process in La Crosse (burning for electricity generation)
    - ii. Suggestion to additionally elevate the sign to eye level
    - iii. Decision tabled pending more information
- IV. Discussion
- V. Announcements
- VI. Adjournment





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**JCES Minutes**

**Date:** Friday - May 4th, 2018

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:**

**Guests:**

**Location:** Student Senate Chambers- 2310 Student Union

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
  - a. Mini-Grant Request - Recycling Containers
    - i. Discussion - Consensus is that funding for signage would be more appropriate than new containers.
    - ii. Motion to deny request 10/2/0. Committee encourage students to re-apply with signage or other options for separation.
- III. New Business
  - a. Mini-Grant Requests - Phone Charger
    - i. Discussion
    - ii. Motion to approve \$800 for single prototype and sign M/S/P - 10/2/0. The committee encourages the grant writers to reapply for more after successful test period
  - b. Bylaws Changes
    - i. Approve bylaw changes as written and send to Student Senate M/S/P 10/2/0. Ben will format as .pdf and send to Haley.
- IV. Announcements
  - a. New Green Fund Coordinators
  - b. Student Senate will have a sustainability coordinator
- V. Adjournment