

Date: September 13th, 2024

JCES Meeting Minutes

Location: Union 3130

Minutes Prepared By: Andrew Ericson

Members Present: Andrew Ericson, Hanah Duke, Brian Pompeii, Hannah Dull, Lisa Walker, Erin Teegan, Jordan Sowle, Audra Fergeson, Taylor Wilmoth, Sadie Kuhl, Margot Higgins, Lisa Pitot, Barrett Klein, Caroline Ingwell, Adam Driscoll, Todd Will, Daniel Sambu

Guests: Chancellor James Beeby

1. Introductions:

a. Name and role on the committee:

i. Members of the committee introduced themselves with names, pronouns, and some spoke to specific interests in serving on the committee.

b. Intro from Chancellor Beeby

i. Chancellor Beeby welcomed and thanked the committee for the willingness to serve. He discussed the importance of sustainability at a public university. He went over the charges for the committee:

- 1. Please revise the bylaws to indicate that the Sustainability Program Manager will serve as the convenor for the committee.*
- 2. Please review the bylaws for the committee membership and explore options for reducing the size of the committee with a focus on a combination of the roles on campus individuals enact in addition to the traditional governance representation.*
- 3. Research the carbon emission reduction goals of UWL's peer institutions and review and evaluate options and make potential recommendations to the Chancellor regarding potential campus carbon emission reductions. Please work with institutional research to garner a list of peer and aspirational institutions and please include cost estimates associated with emission reduction plans.*

4. *Identify opportunities and needs related to the 2024 Climate Implementation Plan and suggest to the Chancellor action steps associated with specific goals.*
 5. *Prioritize the list of the year-end's report for "additional ideas for continued work" and suggest 2-4 items for this coming year to the Chancellor.*
- ii. *He spoke to the fact that plans or goals can lack precise action steps and encouraged the committee to be clear about what the campus needs to do, and that the committee can and should be bold, but also celebrate small wins. He also said that due to financial constraints, sometimes not everything can be done at once, and it is the job of the Chancellor to take these into consideration and work to put them into action, as is possible. He indicated that it would be of interest to discuss sustainability during the strategic planning process and encouraged the committee members to be involved in that process.*
 - iii. *Committee members brought up specific visions for the direction of campus sustainability efforts, including restoring native ecosystems on campus property, working in partnership with indigenous communities, pursuing STARS certification (Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System), among other topics.*
- c. **Overview of the Committee – Andrew**
 - i. *Andrew Ericson briefly discussed the purpose of the committee as defined by the bylaws, and provided recent examples of work done by the committee:*
 1. *Recommend actions that promote environmental sustainability.*
 2. *Promote discussions regarding environmental sustainability.*
 3. *Evaluate proposals funded by the Green Fund.*
 - ii. *He also quickly discussed Robert's Rules and said he would explain further at a subsequent meeting.*

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. [JCES Minutes April 26.docx](#)
 - i. *Motion to approve by Todd Will, second by Adam Driscoll, passed unanimously.*

3. New Business

a. Election of a Chair

- i. Andrew Ericson self-nominated himself. No other interest in the position. Motion to elect Andrew Ericson as Chair by Brian Pompeii, second by Adam Driscoll, passed unanimously.*

b. Election of Vice Chair (or Co-Chair)

- i. Lisa Pitot nominates Brian Pompeii, he accepts. No other interest in the position. Motion to elect Brian Pompeii as Vice Chair by Lisa Pitot, second by Taylor Wilmoth, passed unanimously.*

c. Election of Recorder

- i. No committee interest in serving as the sole recorder. Interest in a rotating recorder, such is used in other committees. Motion to have a rotating recorder by Todd Will, second by Adam Driscoll, passed unanimously.*

d. Review Charge Letter from Chancellor Beeby

i. Discuss committee approach to Charges.

- 1. Andrew Ericson recommended waiting for bylaws-related charges until the committee was more settled into the year and mentioned that he could bring some research on peer and aspirant universities carbon commitments to the next meeting.*
- 2. Questions surrounding some of the actions outlined in the 2024 Climate Implementation Plan were raised, such as how to make the “Sustainability Coordinator” position permanent, and what the other major actions were. Andrew Ericson said that he could give a comprehensive presentation about Sustainability at UWL, with mention of the 2024 Climate Implementation Plan and the status of the “Sustainability Coordinator” job.
 - a. Additional discussion was had about the weather JCES should provide the campus with an overview of the difference observed with the addition of having a sustainability coordinator.**

4. Old Business

5. Announcements

a. *Week Without Driving (September 28 – October 6th)*

b. *BioBlitz event about Fungus at Nature Place (September 14th)*

6. Adjournment

a. *Adjourned at 11:48am*