

Information Item #2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washington State University Board of Regents

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Jason Sampson, Co-Director for Environmental Health and Safety
Jeanne Weiler, Administrator and Coordinator of Presidential Initiatives**

Committee Co-Chairs, WSU System-wide Sustainability Task Force

Date: August 30, 2024

RE: Executive Report and Recommendations of the WSU Committee on Sustainability

The following report summarizes recommendations developed by the WSU System-wide Sustainability Task Force.

At the request of President Kirk Schulz, a small group of subject area experts was convened in October of 2022. The charge was to create a core set of principles focused on environmental science and sustainability, this group met and crafted the Washington State University's Commitment to Sustainability.

August 2023 marked the formation of an inaugural task force representing all six campuses, WSU extension, and student representation. With input from roughly 50 individuals across the system and through a series of meetings, this report is the product of a system-wide effort. This task force has developed its recommendations focused on principles of practical education, scholarly inquiry, and outreach through a lens of equity and justice to have a positive impact across the state for our university, our community, and our stakeholders.

The committee has sought feedback from various interest and leadership groups across the university system, and we are pleased to have this opportunity to present this Executive Report to the Board of Regents for your consideration and input.

Respectfully,
Julie Padowski
Jason Sampson
Jeanne Weiler

Attachments