

Leaves from 9/26/19 Dawg Daze tabling

UW Sustainability received 99 suggestions from students, who wrote thoughts/questions/ideas on a leaf and attached it to our tree.

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DEFINING SUSTAINABILITY/PLAN

- Sustainability is about preserving our campus for future generations
- Sustainability means taking initiative and changing everyday habits that will save the environment
- Holding corporations accountable for their emissions and sustainability, also compost and recycling availability/convenience and awareness
- Small goals with collaborated dialogue between students and faculty and admin



EDUCATION/COMMUNICATION

- Bring awareness with newsletters that are sent to everyone about current environmental issues
- Educate and bring awareness
- Have a better understanding of where our wastes go and how they're used
- More access to info about how to be sustainable everyday
- Reach a larger audience with sustainability info so everyone can be aware of their impact
- Educating the public
- More easily spreadable information about sustainability to go around campus
- Signs! Around campus to remind people of stuff all the time
- Make sustainability apparent to the right groups, social media and partner with legacy groups on campus

- Instagram posts
- More Instagram posts about campus resources
- Sustainability plan should have lots of ways to get the community involved

ENERGY/BUILDINGS

- Reduce UW's carbon emissions
- Solar panels should be in the plan
- Use more solar and wind energy
- Implementing more solar panels and composting plan
- Different types of energy such as wind and thermal, have it visible with real time data
- More solar panels usage, turn off sprinklers when not in use
- UW should invest in more recyclable/renewable energies such as solar panels. Hydro-electric powered technologies
- Building renovations to save energy
- Invest in necessities that'll last awhile
- Make sure buildings aren't using too much light

EQUITY

- Environmental equity means that everyone is presented with resources and everyone can use it equally and have an impact with them
- Environmental equity to me is to treat the environment (with products to be more sustainable) for generations after
- Equity is accessibility for all, compost, lights off, reusable bags/boxes
- Indigenous input should be in the plan
- Environmental equity means inclusion and leadership by indigenous people
- Environmental equity means everyone should be given the rights to enjoy clean air and environment
- Ensuring that with sustainability we also think about equity and accessibility for every individual

Collaborate with indigenous students and Greenpeace

FOOD & DINING

- Establish a food waste bin to reuse all food waste in UW, for example to cooperate with local farms to reuse it
- UW needs more vegan options
- More affordable organic foods
- Have more locally grown food
- Use more recycled products and not plastic, also should give food to underprivileged
- Locally grown food

- We should incorporate compostable utensils and cups into every UW facility, move towards eliminating plastic
- Change to paper cups for your events
- UW dorms uses single use cups, they should do renewable packaging when purchasing food at the hot food area
- Reusable take out containers for HFS dining
- Cut down on food waste at center table
- Reusable salad bowls in center table, or an option to use your own

TRANSPORTATION

- promote bus rides vs car rides
- More buses going to U Village because there's only a couple so many people drive there
- UW bike sharing with U Pass
- Walk/bike, carpool
- Carpool and light rail when possible

WASTE - RECYCLING, COMPOST, TRASH BINS

- Putting up more signs about what is compostable, waste, recycle so people won't throw trash away in the wrong bin



- More places to recycle plastic/plastic bags
- More compost bins inside classrooms / in buildings to make composting more accessible
- More compostable and recycling packages
- Try not to use plastic, use reusable cups and bottles, recycle cans
- Having better habits aka using less plastic more reusable things
- Reduce single use plastic
- Better designed trash cans around campus would help bc often tourists end up trashing the place and we need to find a way to throw trash easier
- Correct recycle bins
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Encourage students to use their own tumblers for coffee and drinks
- Recycling, banning the use of plastic straws, and reusable bags
- Reduce plastic waste
- Make campus cleaner, don't leave your trash! Pick up after yourself
- Compost and reuse everything you can

- Reducing waste on campus should be a part of the sustainability plan
- Fines to enforce more strict recycling and compost rules
- Paper instead of plastic straws
- Make artistic recycling bins to make recycling more appealing to students
- Make plastic compostable
- More compost bins
- Correct sorting of recyclables
- Clean up your trash
- More compostable trash cans on campus
- More outdoor trashcans
- Packaging on campus should be recyclable or compostable
- Make it easier to discern what is compostable
- Reduce amount of paper used
- Make compost bins available at homes, off campus
- More attention to labelling to place items in the correct disposable bins
- Make all plastic containers compostable
- Provide green bag/bins for easy composting in the dorms, especially Mercer/Stevens
- To have better conversion rates, make the compost bins bigger than the landfill bins in the HUB and other food areas
- Less paperwork at events, suggest students take photos
- More Brita filter hydration stations
- Scratch paper in libraries

TECHNOLOGY/LABS

- Make UW labs more sustainable
- Make textbooks available online
- Post visual representations of data like algae and micro plastics in water post around campus
- Maybe promote more e-book by providing students tablets or any ebook readers
- E books instead of textbooks

GENERAL/MISCELLANEOUS

- Involve UWT/UWB
- Greenhouse club → more education
- How does UW advocate for sustainable development in the U District?
- Make sustainability apparent to the right groups, social media and partner with legacy groups on campus
- Using more eco friendly soap
- What can I do as a dorming student?
- Buy clothes sustainably, thrift

- Cut down on non-recyclable/short term freebies at the fair