

McMaster Sustainability Advisory Committee

Monday, February 13, 2023 | 11am - 12pm

Attendees: Kate Whalen, Donna Shapiro, Lynne Serviss, Wayne Terryberry, Lalita Goray, Dee Henne, John McGowan, Louise, Carlos Figueira, Tracie Felton, Angelo DiLettera, Simranjeet Singh

MSU Award

Too late for this year, but great time to work with president-elect to arrange for next year.

Environmentalist of the Year Award

Was awarded for years pre-Covid. RBG, Environment Hamilton, Mohawk, Naturalist Club still interested in being a part of the Committee. Looking at planning an Advisory Committee with reps from each organization. Will likely not have a dinner – will have snacks, cash bar, awards ceremony for 60-90 minutes. Nominations would open in June, ceremony take place in the fall, when students are around, on a Friday night. Lifetime achievement award can be presented as well as a Youth Award. Committee for 3 adult awards and another for the 3 youth awards. Each organization donates money, ticket sales (\$10 each).

John can help get in contact with student clubs over the summer.

Communications

Sustainability policies – out of date. Kate will bring back to the group once she's spoken with the people that are responsible for updating. Dee suggested bringing in a third party to look at policies and consolidate each department's policies.

Q&A with Experts – there has been a Q&A connected to the Energy Plan. Okanagan group is looking at a grant application for a speaker series with a Q&A

Strategic Partnerships and Continued Engagement – connecting with City councillors, partnering with students, Hospitality struggling getting the green containers returned, career fair Career Fair – all employers at March 2 fair, have been asked if they are focusing on EDI and sustainability

SDG Week Pitch Contest – a group will be adding a solution to the green containers to their pitch

Expanding Champions Program – Access Tech collects any old electronic devices, wipes them clean and donates to people who need them, through Empowerment Squared. Mac students can also receive devices that are still good, but not as new, either for use or to be fixed. iMacs are the hardest to deal with from a cleaning perspective.