



## “Environmental Club President’s Council Charge & Charter “

**Proposed Motions:** Create an Environmental Club President’s Council to establish communication and collaboration between the Environmental Clubs on campus and the AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs.

**Sponsor:** *Robby Eckroth, Vice President for Student Life*

**Persons of Contact:** *Robby Eckroth, Nina Olivier (AS ESP Associate Director)*

**Guest Speaker:** *Nina Olivier*

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### **Attached Document**

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### **Why it is Needed**

In previous years there has been lack of communication between the AS ESP and the AS Environmental Clubs. This has caused a number of overlapping events and an absence of collaboration between the ESP and the Environmental Clubs. By creating an Environmental Club President’s Council, the AS ESP and the Environmental Clubs can collaborate on events, share ideas, establish an agenda for an Environmental Lobby Day, and create a calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts.

### **How it will Impact AS Staff**

The AS ESP Associate Director will be charged with developing agendas for the ESP Club President’s Council. Additionally, the AS ESP Associate Director and AS Environmental Center Coordinator will be expected to attend these hour long bi-weekly meetings.

### **How it will be Formed**

Meetings shall be called by the Chair (ESP Associate Director). The council shall meet at least once or twice a month with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five (25%) of the seated, voting membership.



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- I. CHARGE** To develop improved communication and collaboration between the Environmental Clubs on campus and the AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs. Meetings will be designed to discuss upcoming events, Environmental Lobby Day including a proposed environmental legislative agenda, ongoing projects, environmental programming calendar and general finances regarding Environmental Clubs who wish to attend the meetings. The outcome of the council is to acquire an improved exchange of information regarding Environmental Club activities and how the AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs can act as support.
- II. MEMBERSHIP** AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs Associate Director, Chair  
AS Environmental Center Coordinator  
AS Environmental Center Environmental Club Coordinator  
AS Vice President for Student Life (non-voting)  
AS Environmental Club Presidents:  
Students for Renewable Energy  
Students for Sustainable Water  
Students for Sustainable Food  
Air and Waste Management  
Wildlife Conservation Corps  
WWU Engineers Without Borders  
Western Action Coalition  
Transition Whatcom  
Vikings For Fair Trade  
American Fisheries Society  
Campus Sustainability Manager (non-voting)  
Zero-Waste Coordinator (non-voting)  
Residents' Resource Awareness Program (ResRAP) Coordinator (non-voting)
- III. CHAIR** The Chairperson shall be the AS Environmental and Sustainability Programs Associate Director. They shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside at all meetings. The Vice-Chairperson shall be selected at the discretion of the council and acts in the absence of the Chairperson.
- IV. MEETINGS** Meetings shall be called by the Chair. The council shall meet at least once or twice a month with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five (25%) of the seated, voting membership.
- V. VOTING** In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.
- VI. QUORUM** A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.
- VII. FUNDING** It shall be the purview of this council, in addition to normal AS budgeting procedures and subject to the regular review process, to allocate funding to

student groups for events not budgeted for elsewhere by the AS Board of Directors.

**VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES**

In order to provide for coordination and direction, the council may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the council with respect to procedure.

**IX. RULES  
OF OPERATION**

The council may adopt and amend rules of operation governing its operation by a majority vote of the council, subject to review or approval by the AS Board of Directors.

**X. AMENDMENTS**

This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors.

**XI. REPORTAGE**

This council shall report to the AS Board of Directors through the VP for Student Life.