

FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY WORKING GROUP

Committee Charge and Membership

The WWU Food Systems Working Group, advisory to the Director of University Residences, comprised of representatives from student leadership and organizations, faculty, and staff, promotes sustainable purchases composed of real food, community-based, and regionally-sourced food purchases. The work of the Food Systems Working Group will be guided by the spirit and intent of the Real Food Challenge Commitment. The Food Systems Working Group will assist the University in developing and coordinating implementation of Western Washington University's local, ecologically sound, fair and humane food policy.

Working Group Responsibilities

1. Meet at least quarterly during the academic year
2. Engage in, review and advise the University's Real Food and sustainable food commitments
3. Develop and monitor a multi-year action plan striving for planned and financially sustainable growth in sustainable food purchases at WWU -
4. Create and implement sustainable food metric(s) for WWU, incorporating the values of the Real Food challenge and context-relevant sustainable food procurement goals
5. Review pertinent reports from University Dining Services, including but not limited to sustainable and Real Food purchase data, survey development and results, and campus presentations
6. Promote the goals and results of the WWU Food Systems Working Group efforts to the WWU community and support the education and awareness-building efforts of Students for Sustainable Food and related groups
7. Ensure annual progress reports are publicly available online.

Working Group voting Membership

- o 1 University Residences Staff Member - Associate Director (serve as co-chair)
- o 1 Dining Services - Director
- o 1 Dining Services - Executive Chef
- o 1 Faculty Member
- o 1 Staff Member - WWU Office of Sustainability
- o 1 AS VP for Student Life (or designee)
- o 1 Residence Hall Association President (or designee)
- o 1 Student - Students for Sustainable Food
- o 1 Student At-large
- o 1 Residence Hall Association student representative

Voting membership may flex based on the functional stage of the Working Group and progress towards the Challenge goal.