**What WISCC Needs**

**Space:**

WISCC has already established the basement of the Wesley Foundation (space previously referred to as the Fireside Café) as the most promising place already existing on campus. WISCC has begun lease negotiations with the Wesley Foundation. Matt Hollander and Ryan Walters are committed to the creation of a student-run campus café.

**Start-up Capital:**

WISCC needs financial support for renovations of the space, equipment, and supplies. Also free access to the university’s lawyers for legal advice.

WISCC would also request that a student center/student-run café be built into future Master Plan revisions and/or renovations of buildings like Sangren.

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**ENVS 4100**

**Appropriate Technology and Sustainability-Ecological Design:**

The Campus as a Living Laboratory

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How WMU would benefit from a café...

- Healthy, interesting food options
- Student center or union space
- Improve recruitment and retention
- Support local and organic foods
- Correspond with sustainability commitments of WMU; such as The Sustainability Committee and fulfills 7 out of 10 initiatives of the Talloires Declaration
- Encourage creative student solutions to environmental issues

What Has Been Done

Former ENVS 410 student, Ash Norton, explored the possibility of creating a student-run café in 2007.
- Established students’ desire for better quality eating options on campus through a survey.
- Considered possible locations on campus.
- Rallied support for his project within the university and community.

In 2008, Matt Hollander and Ryan Walters created a Registered Student Organization (RSO), which they called the Weekly Initiative for a Student Cooperative Café (WISCC). This group was created to explore specifically needed to be done in order to accomplish the goal of creating a successful café on campus while still upholding beliefs of social justice and self-reliance.

WISCC has been holding two meetings per week since February 19th; one group meeting and one follow-up planning meeting between Matt Hollander and Ryan Walters per week.

What WISCC has done
- Raised awareness of the project within the WMU student community.
- Established collaborative relationship with the Wesley Foundation.
- Collected distributor information and contacts.
- Inventoried existing equipment.
- Explored the many issues and required to creating a successful café after student-run cafes as models
- Earthfoods Café at University of Massachusetts Amherst.

WISCC’s Vision

A campus cafe that:
- Supports sustainable, socially responsible foods and food practices.
- Upholds cooperative, consensus student management.
- Creates student unity by addressing a key student need.
- Promotes social learning and awareness of sustainability, appropriate technology, and environmental issues.
- Encourages lecture and discussion on sustainable living.
- Supplies an outlet for the creativity of WMU students by: displaying student artwork, supporting local/student musicians, holding readings of student poetry and literature, etc.
- Advances WMU as a pilot operation for researching large scale transformation to sustainable food choices.