SUSTAINABLE STUDENT CENTERED

HISTORY

In collaboration with the Bernhard Center, the Campus Beet and the Office for Sustainability and with support from the WSA, our team planned and organized an event to reimagine the former Campus Trends space. Our open house drew on previous projects including the Student Led Campus Cafe Project by Ash Norton (2007), the Weekly Initiative for a Student Cooperative Cafe by Ryan Walters and Matthew Hollander (2008), the Purple Potato by Kristiena Sartorelli, Caleb Oliver and Ian Orawiec (2010) and Internship Options for the Campus Beet by Susie Drust (2011). We were able to synthesize the work these groups did as a starting point.

Our team also analyzed best practices on other sustainable cafes around the United States. We analyzed University of California-Berkeley, Eastern Illinois University, The Shakedown Cafe and Lemonade for best practice information to use to aid in our processes.

VISION

Our vision is a vibrant space that serves diet sensitive, sustainable food options. We aspire to make our cafe a collaboration between different disciplines, involving a multitude of students to plan next steps forward. We want to create a space that celebrates WMU students skills including art, spoken word and music. The food in the collaborative cafe will make conscious choices to support the local economy. Our vision immerses students in the culture of sustainability at WMU.

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Our team From left to right:
Taylor, Conor, Marianne, Nora
LESSONS IN SUSTAINABILITY

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The lessons we learned will help us in our future careers and lives. After working on this project over 60% of student groups are seeking the creation of a sustainable initiative. Section II of the Sustainability Initiatives Appendix 4: Complete Catalog of Strategic Initiatives

TALLOIRES DECLARATION

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Promoting conscious sustainable choices.

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