Theme Year Goals

• **Raise awareness** about challenges of a future requiring a much greater awareness of the costs of climate change, soil and water scarcity, and high energy costs.

• **Promote dialogue** about possible solutions and alternatives to the cultural philosophy of growth at any cost.

• **Provide opportunities** for demonstration and examination of sustainable living solutions and alternatives.

• **Promote discussion** about future economic development in the community, future career choices for students, and future curricular innovations for the university.

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• Broad buy-in to the theme
• Educational and Experiential
• Interdisciplinary
• Tangible outcomes that go beyond the year
• Focus on concrete, practical goals for participants
• Engage the broader community (issues & community)
• Encourage and model individual sustainability
• Facilitate collaborative sustainability

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1. Theme Kick-off: September 10-12
   Futures Fair – Wed. 3:00-6:30pm – booths, food, fun
   Take a Boat Ride on the Wild Side - Thurs. 10:00-noon
   Sacred Seed Gifting from the Dakota Nation – Fri. 1:30-3:30pm

2. Anthropocene Teach-In: Fall and Spring
   WSU and Community Expert in-class videos

3. Grapes of Wrath 75th Anniversary
   Lectures, literary discussion, movie, song fest

4. Recycle Celebration
   Faculty-Staff-Student Dance, No-Waste Basketball Game, RecycleMania

5. The New Frugality
   Lyceum speaker Chris Ferrell, high school student Quiz Bowl, local business symposium

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6. Bee Fest!
Spring semester, week-long event
*Pollinator Summit*
Bee-collaboration art exhibit

7. Eco Warrior
Online certification

8. CLASP Lecture Series
Fall and Spring Semesters – Wednesdays at 7:00pm

9. Speaker Series – Lyceum, Common Book, General
Sept. 23 – Julia Walsh – *Renewable Revolution*
Sept. 29 – Tracie McMillian – *The American Way of Eating*
Oct. 21 – Matt Rasmusson – *Black Aperture*
Sally Spencer – *Suicide Prevention*
Nov. 13 – Will Allen – *Urban Gardening*
Nov. 17 – Winona LaDuke – *Seed Sovereignty*
Feb. 26 – Chris Ferrell – *The New Frugality*
March – Collie Graddick, MN Dept. of Agriculture

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• Faculty Workshop: October 22, 10:00-noon
• Fall Teach-In: Oct. 27-Nov. 7
• Developing a set of 5-10 minute videos by local experts speaking about local sustainable issues.
• Faculty are encouraged to show at least one of the videos in their classes during these two weeks and then talk about the topic as it relates to their specific class/discipline.
• Topics include climate change, solar energy, changes in the Mississippi River, coops as a business model, and native habitat.

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