CSF Committee Attendees: Esha, Sohara, Emmy, Nat, Neha, Lauren (zoom then in person), Tava (joined 4:42)

CSF Staff Attendees: Tatiana, Kyle (zoom), Gulsima

UWS Attendees: Daimon, Christoph

Meeting Minutes:

**3:35pm**

Introductions

* Esha
  + 3rd year Public Health
* Sohara
  + First year MBA
* Emmy
  + Architecture student, also interested in psychology
* Neha
  + First year Masters of Urban Planning
* Natt
  + Double major in Econ and Global Studies
* Lauren (on Zoom)
  + Grad student in SMEA
* Tatiana
  + MPA/MPH Dual Masters degree
* Gulsima
  + Double major Informatics and Environmental Studies
* Daimon
  + Communications Manager for UW Sustainability
* Christoph
  + Did undergrad in CEP
  + Second year Masters of Urban Planning
  + Year 4 with UW Sustainability
* Kyle
  + PhD built environments
* Tava
  + Environmental Science major

**3:48pm**

Our position diagram (Tatiana)

* CSF is under UW Facilities
* The Environmental Stewardship Committee and CSF are under UW Sustainability

CSF background (Kyle)

* CSF was created in 2009 by students who collected 5,000 signatures from students across campus and garnered support from student and faculty senates
* UW came out with a climate action plan in 2009, was first combined effort to address climate change – gave way for interest in student engagement in sustainability through the creation of the CSF
* UWS, which started in 2008, became the home for CSF
* Equally aligned with other SAF-funded organizations
* Somewhat autonomous but have close relationship with UW Sustainability
* Organizational position changed, UWS was originally under central administration (a couple of levels directly under president’s office)
* In 2019, UWS was moved to UW Facilities
  + UWS has been tasked to look more at campus operations
* Traditionally CSF’s role has been primarily driven by grantmaking
  + Mini-grants and large grants
  + Will be discussing mini-grant max amount, currently <$5,000
* Resilience Seed Grant focused on community resilience, happens in the spring
* CSF sees ourselves as the student hub for sustainability and pushing the narrative
  + Have been evaluating our mission
    - To foster an environmentally and socially engaged university culture
    - Create a sustainability campus by funding multidisciplinary, student initiated and led projects
    - Increase campus-wide social equity, community resilience, and …
* In 2019, Kyle led CSF committee in creating a vision
  + At its core, the CSF provides opportunities for UW students to engage in the proposal, planning, and implementation of sustainability-oriented projects from conceptual design to project management through completion
  + Through this process, the CSF envisions its role as a catalyst for dialogue and proposed solutions to environmental justice concerns threats to longevity, and other societal problems that have a disproportionately negative impact on communities of color, and, in particular, on Black and Indigenous peoples
  + Values
    - Sustainability and Environmental Justice
    - Anti-racism and Intersectionality
    - Resilience & Wellbeing
    - Student Leadership & Empowerment
* Redefining how people see sustainability
  + Then vs now
  + Moving away from individualism
  + Working with communities and regenerative systems
  + Employing just-transition model
    - Moving away from an extractive economy that sees resources as infinite
    - Need to have more regeneration and reciprocity
* History of student-led change at UW
  + Mobilizing students to push agenda for what the university is doing

Sustainability hub, looking towards the future of the CSF

* Sustainability hub brain map
  + The way we can make the most impact is by becoming a sustainability hub
  + Grantmaking as a secondary purpose
  + Creating programs
  + Right now, students graduate and there’s not a system that they exist in
    - Hard for us to manage all projects at once
  + When students want to engage with sustainability work, it’s more like “what am I interested in?”
    - Often falls into different categories
    - Projects right now span a super wide array, the idea is to have collaborators come on under each topic
      * Ex. Food sovereignty
        + Includes Intellectual House, native gardens, UW Food Pantry, Resiliency Tunnel, Veggie Mijas (external group)
    - Trying to do more related to policy and what UW is willing to work on
    - Hoping to do more with community and creating UW-paid internship opportunities
* Resource guide created by Kort Maeda
  + Difficult to engage with what intersectional sustainability means
    - Resource guide provides introduction
* Hoping to give opportunities beyond working with CSF as a staff and applying for a grant project
* Since 2019, have awarded the most number of projects to resilience/diversity/justice related projects, but have awarded the most money to other projects
  + Resilience/diversity/justice projects generally apply to mini-grants
* Trying to figure out how to be more focused and invest money into progressive projects
* Sohara asked how people find out about CSF funding when they have an idea
* Outreach has been focused on tabling, reaching out to groups that have been traditionally excluded from the environmental movement
  + OMAD, ECC, Resilience Lab
  + Student org, so we have turnover and our mission is always adapted to the students we have and their interests and strengths
  + Every year there’s an opportunity to reset and think about what’s needed now
  + Summer of 2020, had funds remaining and there was a petition going around to abolish the police force at UW, had a discussion with committee about whether we wanted to sign onto that
    - Committee member said we shouldn’t take a stance on it but suggested that we create a grant opportunity for having discussions surrounding police force and impacts on BIPOC communities
* Christoph added that CSF has been pivoting from the mainstream environmental movement towards intersectional sustainability
  + Room for opportunity in engaging different departments and groups
  + Sustainability hub will be a much more visible, physical presence on campus
    - Centralized place to find out about sustainability initiatives on campus

**4:20pm**

* UW Sustainability Action Plan
  + Effort to have this be led by students
* Have had conversations about whether we should keep sustainability in our name
  + Decided we should because we need to reshape the definition
* Most of the groups on campus that get funding that work with underinvested students are also underinvested
* Going to have each meeting focused on a specific aspect of the transformation
* “Hopefully by next year we’ll be sitting somewhere else” → in the sustainability hub
* Overview of different organizations represented in committee
  + ASUW
    - Esha gave overview
  + GPSS
    - Typical kind of graduate student body, do a lot of lobbying activities
    - Lauren shared about their legislative action board
    - Talk about what issues are important to students and where we can connect the student voice with higher levels of government
    - Christoph added that there’s an opportunity to look inward at systemic sustainability on campus and how grad students can influence policy on campus
  + OMAD
    - Provide essential services for minority students on campus
    - Emmy is on student advisory board
    - Uniting body for all of the smaller bodies on campus
      * ECC, Intellectual House
* Environmental Stewardship Committee
  + Sohara is representative, will be working on executive committee
  + Kyle talked about Lou, VP of facilities on committee, representative from OMAD, people from UW bothell, students from ASUW and GPSS
  + Been a group that shares information about sustainability work on tri-campuses, recently looked at governance structure and their ability to create policies (currently don’t have policy creation power)
  + Hasn’t quite fully embraced intersectional approach to sustainability, CSF has been encouraging this
  + Decarbonization effort has been a major focus for ESC
    - Decarbonization of campus power plant
    - Have been conversations about how the mandate in emission needs to change
      * Conversation about ESC name as well
  + Opportunity for CSF to push ESC in a progressive direction
* Intellectual House
  + New seat, Tava is representative

**4:40pm**

* Tatiana gave overview of different responsibilities for each representative group
* Quick rundown of how projects are graded by committee
* Mini grant application will by live soon

**4:45pm**

* Overview of rules of order
* Will start with roll call
* 4 main rules we’ll use
  + Introduce main motion – “I move to…” – need “I second the motion”
  + Object to procedure – “Point of order”
  + Request information – “Point of information”
  + Clarify something that has been said – “Point of clarification”
* Liberating structures
  + Hope for the committee
  + Kyle shared that he uses this when he teaches
  + Used to help facilitate conversations
  + “Pedagogy of the oppressed” – Paolo Freire
    - Creating inclusive learning structures
  + Components
    - Include and Unleash Everyone
    - Practice Deep Respect for People and Local Solutions
    - Build Trust As You Go
    - Learn By Failing Forward
    - Practice Self-Discovery Within a Group
    - Amplify Freedom AND Responsibility
    - Emphasize Possibilities: Believe Before You See
    - Invite Creative Destruction To Enable Innovation
    - Engage In Seriously-Playful Curiosity
    - Never Start Without Clear Purpose
  + Examples
    - Think-pair-share
    - Hearing from everyone then deliberating
  + Making things more accessible for everyone, allowing everyone to express themselves the way that is most comfortable

**4:52pm**

* Sohara and Neha interested in running for chair
* Neha
  + Undergrad at Boston
  + Did work with their sustainability office
  + Excited to engage with the intersectional sustainability perspective that CSF has
  + Management skills
* Sohara
  + From Bangladesh, undergrad in econ and political science, masters in environmental at Oxford
  + Have been working on addressing climate change
  + Went back to home country after undergrad, helped shape interventions
  + Talked about vulnerable groups impacted by climate change
* Chair: Neha
* Vice Chair: Sohara
* Scribe bribe???? TBD
* Sohara can take notes

**5:06pm**

* Kyle gave rundown on payment
  + This quarter will be pro-rated
* Workday setup
  + tinyurl.com/csf-workday
  + Will talk about expectations about meeting attendance, etc.

**5:12pm**

* First student decarbonization meeting
  + Nov 8th from 4-5pm
* Watch party in office
* Organizing to do tours in current steam plant
* Lauren asked about CSF structure, relationship with UWS

**Meeting End 5:15**