Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 27, 2014 – 4:30pm – Gerbending 142

Agenda		
Time	**Item**	**Presenter**
4:30pm	Approve 5/19/2014 Minutes	Elizabeth
4:30pm	Approve 5/27/14 Agenda	Elizabeth
4:31pm	Discuss and Vote on UW Apiary	Committee
4:48pm	Discuss Options for Leftover CSF Funds	Committee
5:13pm	Ideas and Outcomes from the 5-Year Retreat	Committee
5:28pm	Confirm Retreat Time	Graham
5:29pm	Wrap Up, Next Week's Agenda Items. Adjourn	Elizabeth

Official Meeting Start: 5:15pm
Members present: Kayla Schick, Alissa Ramberg, Erin Sofinowski, and Elizabeth Lindner

UW Apiary Discussion:
They sent us more info on 5/20.

Discuss Options for Leftover CSF Funds
- option for a 3rd call during the summer... Could be dependent on the skeletal committee over the summer.
- We could have smaller return in funding, so we should find a way to get our money out during the summer.
- Is there enough student activity/involvement over the summer? Would there be a reason to expect that students would be around? We don't necessarily need to spend all of it.
- Student registration status over the summer? In the eyes of tuition...how does it work for students? Are we still "students" over the summer? You HAVE to demonstrate that you are a tuition-paying student for the next year. – Must sumbit proof of enrollment for future.
- A lot can happen between those time periods of no classes. Students can be gone for a certain amount of time over the summer (study abroad, etc..) – Students wouldn't be inclined to start a project near the end of their time at the UW
- We can restrict it to class standing.
- In conjunction with the "skeletal committee," if we don't have that many people over the summer, who would represent the committee? And would our decisions reflect the decisions of the entire committee?

- Make our 4 returning students be the skeletal committee over the summer. Keep them connected through email. We can change how many people a quorum is? How would we vote? Or engage discussion? Faculty have sent their votes over email.
- Our bylaws say committee members have to be physically present… We could introduce proxy voting (= one voting member communicates their standing to another voting member, vote on their behalf)! –Via Google Hangouts/Docs

What are our options for the leftover funds after 2nd round of funding?

- Roughly $30k-60k left over depending on funding decisions.
- Next year's committee will eventually decide where to put this year's leftover funds. We can mix and match… it will probably be moved next year anyways…
- Consider the flexibility of the extra funds for the incoming committee.
- Summer option: students have more time over the summer. Brainstorm sesh, if doesn't work then move to fall ask.
- We can reach out to projects who have applied in the past, ask them to reapply. Summer would be a good starting place…
- Time over the summer would be a good springing board for ideas that are conceived in the spring. Don't have to wait all the way until the fall. Get students involved when they acutally have time to think of extracurriculars.

How does SAF look at our budget?
- If we have funds left over, we would have to communicate what we are doing with our funds. Whats our rationale? Funds we spend this year are irrespective of how we spend them next year… Tie it to what we do as an organization. Make a statement with how we allocate our money…
- Total spent this year on projects = $200,000 (roughly)

Money would have gone to large projects in the first place. Name potential projects that we anticipate large funds. We forsee larger projects coming from the organization.

Revisit our framework for how we allocated money at the beginning of the year.

It shows that we are being good stewards of the funds. If we didn't have enough asks…the story would be different. We are being careful with what we are funding – being very critical and staying with our values.

NEW DONATE BUTTON!!!!

Kayla + subcommittee have worked with UW Foundation to add a donate to CSF button to their website!!! MECHANISM EXISTS.
TIME. TO. PROMOTE.

UW Solar did the same thing with UW Foundation. – PUTTING AN ARTICLE OUT IN "**COLUMNS**" !! -- UWS is putting their lab together this summer!

Link DONATE button to CSF Homepage + ESS Homepage = make it DIRECT.
Kayla will be in contact with UW Foundation for code for the button to get on our button! Cool! – Where did our blurb go? Only one sentence…

What do we want the button to look like?

MOTION: Approve 5/19 minutes. APPROVED (quorum)
MOTION: Approve 5/27 agenda. Removed "Discuss and Vote on UW Apiary" from the agenda. APPROVED (quorum)

5 Year Party Recap
   - Successful! Great way to get some structured brainstorming from folks who were really involved with CSF.
   - Would it be helpful to do that again? More fundraising based event? Throw something for our stakeholders? We might not need this everyone other year.
   - What makes sense for another milestone? # of projects? Total amount of funding that we've dispersed?

   - Tangent: Starbucks as a (new) corporate partner of UW may be interested in the CSF
       o Starbucks is interested in promoting sustainability efforts
       o CSF might be a vehicle for a student competition, maybe could work with Starbucks to host a special competition for student-led sustainability projects
       o Aubrey has been in on a little discussion about Starbucks and UW sustainability, students and the CSF came up many times
       o But fairly preliminary discussions at this point, nothing solid is coming from these ideas yet
       o New office of sponsorship at UW. Starbucks is interested in helping with budget stuff… More info coming soon!
       o How will this benefit UW + startbucks? CSF came up a lot. Partnering on specific projects. Zero-impact café on campus that is designed by students? CSF could be a vehicle for competition for these types of projects. Some way to combine our money with other companies.
       o Alternative forms of competition

RETREAT TIME: **Tuesday, June 10th at 3:00pm (to 5:30pm with an outing)**

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