

FOURTH YEAR IN REVIEW

A memorandum prepared by the Fund for all interested parties.

ABOUT

The <u>Campus Sustainability Fund</u> grew out of a vision by the collective University of Washington Student Body to be more substantively engaged with the University of Washington's sustainability efforts. Thus far generously funded once a year through the Student Activities Fee, the Fund exists to foster positive change by giving the UW community the opportunity to develop create, and implement ideas pertaining to increasing the Seattle Campus' Sustainability.

The Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF) is comprised of multiple student and advisory positions. This structure was designed to give full student control over the Fund.

There are two primary staff positions. The CSF Coordinator and the Outreach Coordinator manage the oversight of the Fund, receive applications, and function as chief liaisons between the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Washington and the CSF Committee. The Coordinator reports to the Director of the UW Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability (hyperlink to the site) office. They are assisted in these duties periodically by Interns and volunteers.

The allocation of the Fund is administered by the CSF Committee. The Committee consists of seven student voting members and four ex-officio, non-voting advisors, as follows:

Voting Members

- 1 student to be appointed by the Associated Students of the University of Washington (ASUW) Senate:
- 3 students to be appointed by the ASUW Board of Directors;
- 2 students to be appointed by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate; and
- 1 student to be appointed by the Environmental Stewardship Committee.

Non-Voting, Ex-Officio Members (Faculty & Staff)

- 1 to be appointed by the Faculty Senate;
- 1 to be appointed by the Associate Vice President of Facilities Services; and
- 1 to be appointed by the Provost.

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Projects

Full descriptions for this year's projects can be viewed here.

Events

Green Wall Ribbon Cutting Summit Earth Day Kickoff Earth Day Tree Planting

New Large Projects Fund

This year saw the addition of a new category to the CSF: The Large Projects Fund. Roughly \$30,000 a year will be kept, at the committee's discretion, in reserve in anticipation of large projects in this fund. The number of large projects in a given year has been steadily increasing during the Fund's short life, as can be seen in the project logs towards the end of this document.

Large projects are defined as projects that exceed 1/10 of the Fund's total capacity, which has thus far been between \$300,000 and \$350,000 per year.

New Positions

The CSF Communications Liaison, a temporary position established during Year 3, collaborated with stakeholders to streamline the CSF application process, since many CSF projects require substantial UW Stakeholder and Staff oversight. Funding for this position came from Finance and Facilities. This position culminated with the institutionalization on the CSF website of the following changes to the CSF bylaws, protocol, etc:

The CSF also created an unpaid internship within outreach to assist in event planning, social media, and general project outreach. The outreach intern, working 2-5 hours per week generated a significant amount of value added through creation of a blog, documenting CSF projects in our online resources, research on other green funds, and in recruiting potential projects.

Website Revisions

- 1. A Comprehensive Project List, consisting of project ideas generated by campus faculty and staff/campus units, (http://f2.washington.edu/oess/csf/project-idea-list)
- 2. An updated departmental contact list wherein all the campus faculty and staff/campus units listed were personally interviewed by the Liaison on their inclusion, (http://f2.washington.edu/oess/csf/node/33)
- 3. The stakeholder project idea submittal form, (https://f2.washington.edu/oess/csf/node/3018)
- 4. An updated online proposal submission interface & associated resources. (https://f2.washington.edu/oess/csf/node/12)
- 5. The addition of a blog, to provide a more informal narrative and visual based form of media to provide expanded resources for potential project leaders. (http://udubcsf.blogspot.com/)

Outreach Materials

An outreach report with recommendations for 2013-2014 is accessible here

SAF Relationship

Since the 2011-2012 school year, relations with the Services & Activities Fee (SAF) board have been strong. Funding of the CSF has grown by \$63,000 since the 2011-2012 year, which represents 17% growth over that time. CSF staff have begun to reach out to new SAF staff and board members in Summer 2013 to maintain strong relations in the 2013-2014 school year. While SAF would like to see CSF diversify its income stream and become less dependant on their funds, the degree (or amount or percentage) to which they would like this self sufficiency to occur remains unknown. CSF will strive to continue strong relations with SAF while also looking for new ways to diversity funding, but does

want to continue receiving SAF support to continue the component of universal support across the student body.

Stakeholder Feedback Process

Stakeholder feedback was gathered through a series of individual interviews held by the Communications Liaison. The following questions were asked of, and answered by, each stakeholder:

Name: Position: Job Description:

- 1. As someone with expertise that is relevant to the Campus Sustainability Fund's future applicants and may be contacted by students in the future about projects, what would your idea communications scenario between yourself and the CSF and CSF applicants look like?
- 2. Do you have any ideas for CSF projects students could take on in the future?
- 3. We are in the process of developing a website interface designed to connect applicants with stakeholders who have relevant expertise for their projects. Would you be interested in having your email, phone number, or other preferred form of contact information listed on this interface?
- 4. Would you be interested in being listed as a project Mentor on this interface? *Mentors are defined as any UW employee who would be willing to go beyond email or phone contact with students and donate an amount of pro-bono time to meet with and assist students on CSF projects. The amount of time donated would be entirely at the Mentor's discretion and convenience, with the understanding that the student(s) would not financially compensate you for your time.
- 5. Do you know of anyone else I should speak to who may be willing to work with CSF applicants or who would have CSF project ideas?

The answers to these questions, unique to each stakeholder, were recorded by the Liaison. The information gathered during these interviews will remain on file within the CSF office, to better equip future committee and staff members to act in the best interest of continuing the relationships between stakeholders and the Fund.

It is the hope of the 2013 CSF Communications Liaison that these questions will continue to be discussed, explored, and answered in the coming years by an ever-growing network of

students, faculty, and staff with expertise pertinent to the perpetuation of, and in the best interest of the Fund.

OTHER RELEVANT HISTORICAL INFORMATION: THE FUND IN REVIEW

YEAR 1

STAFF

CSF Coordinator: Julie Fisk

CSF Outreach Coordinator: Willie Franklin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (INCLUDING ADVISORS, EXOFFICIO'S)

Duncan Clauson David Corrado Justin Hellier Alex Sawyer Katie Stultz.

Bruce Balick, Professor, Astronomy

Amy Floit, Director of Budgeting Operations, Office of Planning and Budgeting Jim Angelosante, Associate Vice President of Facilities, Facilities Appointee

PROJECTS

2010-2011 Projects	Amount Awarded
Expansion of the UW Farm	\$78,307
Identifying Effective Communication to Promote Composting	\$12,203
Why the Farm Bill Matters and What We Can Do About It!	\$500

Trashing our Food: The Costs of Food Waste in America	\$250
Project: Zimtervention	\$8,120
LEED Performance Analysis Intern	\$14,080
Urban Forest Management Plan	\$63,760
Commuter Profile	\$30,000
Sustainability Service-Learning Liaison	\$3,588
Tapped for Earth Day	\$295
Planting Trees in Student Neighborhoods	\$1,385
Owl Boxes	\$1,000
Do It Yourself Bicycle Repair Stations	\$7,237
Real Food Challenge (RFC)	\$2,000
Living Systems and Biodiversity Green Wall	\$10,185

YEAR 2

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Jim Angelosante, Associate Vice President of Facilities, Facilities Appointee

PROJECTS

2011-2012 Projects	Amount Awarded
Husky Sustainable Storms: Parking Lot Bioswale	\$84,220
Biodiversity Green Wall, Edible Green Screen + Water Harvesting Demonstration Project, Phase II	\$91,800
Yard Waste Composting Site for UW Seattle Campus	\$78,637
Carlson Center Student Sustainability Service-Learning Liaison	\$3,950
Biodiesel Cooperative: Vapor Characterization	\$1,620

Bicycle Repair Stations - Phase II	\$3,085
Rainwater Catchment: Education System on the UW Farm	\$396
Sustainability 2.0	\$5,000

YEAR 3

STAFF

CSF Coordinator: Jamie Rowe

CSF Outreach Coordinator: Kyle Murphy

CSF Communications Liason: (Sunni) Savannah Wissmer

CSF Outreach Intern: An Huynh

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PROJECTS

2012-2013 Projects	Amount Awarded

UW Solar	\$4,500
Husky Sustainable Storms	\$4,500
The Denny Project: The Future of UW Waste	\$9,000
UW Water Recapture	\$10,521
After Hours @ The Burke	\$2,335
Pipeline Project K-12 Education for Sustainability Student Outreach Coordinators	\$4,050
Campus Green Labs: Sustainable Oceanography Lab Pilot Project	\$2,247
The lights are on, but nobody's home: installing motion activated lights for UW communal areas	\$7,776
Putting the Green in Greenhouse	\$77,365
Kincaid Ravine Restoration Project	\$70,179
UW Solar	\$85,000
Real Food Calulator Food Procurement Assessment	\$3,000

LOOKING FORWARD

The Fund is excited to begin exploring options to institutionalize Project Feedback from students working on CSF projects, past and future. If you have any ideas as to how this could best be accomplished, please contact the Coordinator or Outreach Coordinator.