Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 7, 2014 – 4:00pm– Gerberding 142

Agenda		
Attendees: Graham, An, Kayla, Colin, Connor, Erin, Carolyn, Natalie, Claudia, Sean S., Sean K., Aubrey, Jan		
Time	**Item**	**Presenter**
4:00	Guest Time	An
	CSF Google Drive Orientation – What's on it?	Graham
	Context on Carlson Center Service Learning positions	Graham

Meeting Summary: This week's meeting included a brief panel that featured ex-officios and administrative support representatives from the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainablity Fffice. Each spoke about their role in relation to the CSF and committee members were able to ask questions afterwards. Graham introduced everyone to the shared Google Drive. There is a lot of information on the drive, and it's a great source for committee members to start exploring. Graham and An also briefed the committee on current service learning positions that are happening through the Carlson Center. These have been going well thus far, and there needs to be further discussions on how to continue this after Fall 2014.

Guest Time: CSF Ex-Officios

Claudia Frere: Program Director of the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Office
- Ensuring resources are efficient
- ESS office established to support Climate Action Plan
- Has been involved with CSF formation from the very beginning
- Providing mentorship and guidance, people guiding, networking
- CSF has been the best part!
- CSF students are taking care of student money and being responsible with money in terms of sustainability
- Innovative, potential to lead sustainability here, student voice with funds, technical, policy, development, planning

Aurbrey Batchelor: Program Supervisor at the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Office
- Been with CSF since beginning too
- Offers input or opinions on projects
- Lots of historical knowledge on what has happened throughout the years, what's already been done, who's doing it
- CSF looked at what other campuses have done with green fees, most of them buy renewable green energy credit
- We are a little doing with hands-on projects

Sean Kennedy: Administrator
- Integrating students with staff

- Planning and budgeting oversight for CSF
- The CSF is changing staff and faculty on campus to do new things

Jan Whittington: Professor in the College of Built Environments, Urban Design & Planning
- Faculty advisor and mentor to two CSF projects
- Teaching about infrastructure finance, design, economics, how to change policy, how to get it built
- Husky Sustainable Storms came out of one of her classes, UW Solar too!
- Advising large infrastructure projects and that fit into students' time frames
- Advises us in our decision-making

Sean Schmitz: Assistant Director in ESS
- Just joined the ESS team this summer
- Has has a lot of sustainability experience

Questions:

What are the general trends in sustainability at UW?
- Solar
- Divest UW, other financial connections to sustainability
- Think about the way campus is changing and how that creates opportunities for sustainability: restaurants, grocery stores, opportune times in development process, a lot of new development going on = a lot of opportunities for student input and ideas
- Communication with HFS?
- Lessons learned from AASHE: diversity + resilience

Reminder: Please vote for chair and vice chair by midnight tonight.

5 year evaluation:
- Talked to Sam Timpe, booked this week, tomorrow, and next week
- Graham can present it

MOTION: Approve 10/31 minutes
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CSF Shared Drive: Orientation
- Everyone can access it!
- Great place to look at CSF history, active projects, etc, etc
- How often do these get updated? Daily
- Send Google Shared Drive to Jan
- Committee members look at it quite a bit as well, good way to look at old proposals
- How to get CSF Shared Documents to appear on your Google Drive:
  1. Go to "Shared with Me" on left sidebar
  2. Check the box next to the CSF Shared Documents
  3. Click "Add to My Drive"

Role with the Carlson Center
- One finding we had overall during 5 year reflection was to find more opportunities for undergraduate involvement, especially with freshmen and sophomores
- Less freshman and sophomore knowledge and partnerships

- Service learning at the UW: get credit for volunteering, helps you meet your credit requirements for a class
- So far we have outreach liasons, project and occupancy evaluators, and green funds researcher – A total of 6 service learners this quarter!
- Outreach tasks are split into writing, design, and face to face outreach
- Post occupancy evaluations: how well are projects still working? Direct on the ground trouble shooting, maintenance, looking at 2010 projects (6 projects are currently being evaluated), template and process established, students have been meeting with people on people around the university
- Fresh set of eyes and energy!
- Reports will be public
- Green fund researcher: benchmarking, looking at what pac 12 schools are doing, what are the real cutting-edge stuff that's being done, how are different and the same? Other funds aren't entirely student-led – focused research, education piece has been underrepresented through projects, incomplete part of our portfolio, diversity angle as well
- These positions are tied to classwork, will end at the end of the quarter
- GG + AH should discuss long term plan for service learning involvement
- Connecting these students through CSF projects that we fund – but most CSF projects take longer than a Carlson Center appointment, but doesn't mean there aren't opportunities, low-commitment
- Can we thank them? Can they present to us at the end of the quarter?
- Are there opportunities for grad students? Fellowship? How do get more job opportunities for students via the CSF? PhD, masters level work?
- When will folks review the bylaws? Work has been done on bylaws on what types of things we want to use the funds for. Ei. We don't fund staff/faculty time
- Money comes from SAF, can't fund academic side of things
- We have funded student positions through a formal internship (like Sustainable Stormwater) can be incorporated into specific projects

MOTION: Adjourn meeting

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