

Dear CSF committee:

Thank you for allowing the UW Salvage Wood program proposal to be resubmitted for the spring quarter funding cycle. Hopefully you will find that most of the suggestions offered were addressed in a satisfactory way. Please understand that not all items could be addressed in the way they were originally presented. Please see to my email of February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 in which I offered clarification for some of the items listed as suggestions from the CSF committee.

A few of the suggestion items concern the some guarantee of a reduction of material/lab fee as a result of programs purchasing campus sourced wood. Since the supply and type of wood available is very hard if not impossible to predict, there are no guarantee that can be offered. Further, any value added wood product obtained from campus trees purchased from Facility Services would need to be for academic use only and cannot be given away. This would constitute a misappropriation of State University funds since the tree are considered a University asset. In short any student, faculty, or program seeking like to utilize wood salvaged from campus trees will need to pay for it. They will be buying it at cost for a price that is significantly lower than what is available on the commercial market.

For campus-sourced lumber processed by the Facilities Construction carpentry staff, it is estimated that the price per board feet would be \$2.00-\$3.00 per board feet (BF) depending on the species. In addition to cost of cutting and drying the wood, the price range above reflects the costs of cutting down the tree, all of the handling and transport labor hours and storing it appropriately so it doesn't rot. Some examples of pricing for 8/4 (2" thick) commercially available hardwood lumber are: Red Oak \$4.32/BF, White Oak \$5.96/BF, Maple \$4.33/BF.

When academic programs, students, or faculty do purchase campus lumber from Facility Services the cost reduction *could* result in a rebate or credit of material/course fees for specific programs. Although the details of this have not been worked out, individual students and faculty purchasing wood material for their coursework (beyond what is covered in the material/lab fee) will still have access to lumber at a reduced cost. Once regular purchasing of wood material from Facility Services happens, individual departments/programs can adjust their fees to reflect the difference in cost.

The UW Salvage Wood Program is still its early stages. The infrastructure requested in this proposal will create fertile ground in which program can grow. The Campus Sustainability Committee can be a partner in making this happen. Thank you for your time and considering the UW Salvage Wood Program. I, and the rest of the UW Salvage Wood Program team, look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

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