

April 21, 2015

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 we addressed most of the suggestions that were offered in a satisfactory way. Please refer to the email on February 23rd 2015 in which Howard offered clarification for some of the items listed as suggestions from the CSF committee.

A few of the suggestions request that some guarantee in the reduction of class material/lab fees, as a result of programs purchasing campus-sourced wood, be guaranteed. Since the supply and type of wood available is very hard, if not impossible to predict, there are no guarantees that can be offered. Further, any value added wood product obtained from campus trees purchased from Facilities Services would need to be for academic use only and cannot be given away. This would constitute a misappropriation of State funds since the tree are considered a University asset. In short any student, faculty, or program seeking to utilize wood salvaged from campus trees will need to pay for it. They will be buying it at cost, 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 the cost of milling 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 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 Facilities 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 Facilities Services happens, individual departments/programs can adjust their fees to reflect the difference in cost.

The UW Salvage Wood Program is still in its early stages. The infrastructure requested in this proposal will create fertile ground in which the program can grow. The Campus Sustainability Fund 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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