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To the Campus Sustainability Fund Committee:

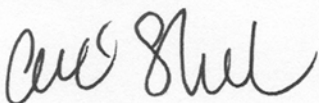
The Society for Ecological Restoration-UW Nursery would like to offer our full support for the Olympic Natural Resources Center (ONRC)'s Ethnobotany project. There is much potential for collaboration and mutual support between the Nursery and the Ethnobotany project, and both would benefit greatly.

Over the past few years, the Nursery has developed a strong internship curriculum, with two to three undergraduate interns per quarter who are able to learn about native plant production and horticulture. The Ethnobotany internship program, as well as our own, would be enhanced by a partnership, and our goal would be to have the interns spend a quarter of their time per week in the Nursery. This would provide opportunities for them to learn about plant propagation and production through our weekly work parties, and have the chance to take on leadership roles at these events as the quarter progresses. Collaborating with the Nursery during work parties and intern group work will also provide Ethnobotany interns with an opportunity to strengthen teamwork and communication skills which are an integral part of successful work in a nursery setting and beyond.

Along with support for the internship program, the Nursery is happy to collaborate on the development of bare root beds by providing staff and volunteer time and resources. This project would benefit both organizations by providing the infrastructure for a much-needed method of plant production.

Please strongly consider funding this proposal. ONRC's Ethnobotany project will be a valuable and vital connection between the tribes and their knowledge of native plants and the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

Regards,



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