

Campus Sustainability Fund
Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

3:30-5pm PDT LOCATION: **HYBRID**

Gerberding Conference Room B42 (code: 3696)

Join Zoom Meeting (2022-2023)

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/5100844374>

Agenda		
Time	Item	Facilitator
3:30-3:50	Committee and CSF Staff Intros	Tatiana
3:50-4:20	<p>Overview of the CSF, our plan: where we have been and where we are going</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grant Proposal Timeline -Project Portfolio -Grant-driven to hub model -Resource and Service Driven: first steps 	Tatiana, Kyle, Gulsima, Kort
4:20-4:40	<p>How we are getting there: Roles and Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Review Commitment to be in Committee, Obligations to appointed orgs -Evaluation Criteria + Example 	Tatiana, Kyle
4:40-4:50	Robert's Rules & Liberating Structures Intro	
4:50-5:00	<p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chair -Scribe 	Tatiana
	<p>Set-up in Workday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Payment for this quarter and beyond 	Gulsima, Kyle
	<p>Plug for upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nov 28 (4-5p), Student Decarbonization Meeting 	Kort

-Gather names for Steam Plant Tours	
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CSF Bylaws + Protocols

[Committee Bylaws](#)

[Robert's Rules of Order](#)

[Liberating Structures](#)

[CSF Committee Google Drive](#)

[2022-2023 Committee Documents](#)

How to evaluate projects

[CSF Project Criteria](#)

[Reference Sheets](#)

[Evaluation Rubric Example \(go to Rubric Template tab\)](#)

Current projects + timeline

[Workday Orientation](#) - <https://tinyurl.com/csf-workday>

[2022-2023 Proposal Deadlines & Timeline](#)

[CSF Resource Guide](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/csf-chair-election>

Upcoming Meetings

Week	Agenda
Week 2:	Updating Bylaws, thought pieces for winter break
Week 3:	Start looking at transformation plan
Week 4:	
Week 5:	

CSF Committee Attendees: Esha, Sohara, Emmy, Nat, Neha, Lauren (zoom then in person), Tava (joined 4:42)

CSF Staff Attendees: Tatiana, Kyle (zoom), Gulsima

UWS Attendees: Daimon, Christoph

Meeting Minutes:

3:35pm

Introductions

- Esha

- 3rd year Public Health

- Sohara
 - First year MBA
- Emmy
 - Architecture student, also interested in psychology
- Neha
 - First year Masters of Urban Planning
- Natt
 - Double major in Econ and Global Studies
- Lauren (on Zoom)
 - Grad student in SMEA
- Tatiana
 - MPA/MPH Dual Masters degree
- Gulsima
 - Double major Informatics and Environmental Studies
- Daimon
 - Communications Manager for UW Sustainability
- Christoph
 - Did undergrad in CEP
 - Second year Masters of Urban Planning
 - Year 4 with UW Sustainability
- Kyle
 - PhD built environments
- Tava
 - Environmental Science major

3:48pm

Our position diagram (Tatiana)

- CSF is under UW Facilities
- The Environmental Stewardship Committee and CSF are under UW Sustainability

CSF background (Kyle)

- CSF created in 2009 by students who collected 5,000 signatures from students across campus and garnered support from student and faculty senates
- UW came out with a climate action plan in 2009, was first combined effort to address climate change – gave way for interest in student engagement in sustainability through the creation of the CSF
- UWS, which started in 2008, became the home for CSF
- Equally aligned with other SAF-funded organizations
- Somewhat autonomous but have close relationship with UW Sustainability
- Organizational position changed, UWS was originally under central administration (a couple of levels directly under president's office)
- In 2019, UWS was moved to UW Facilities
 - UWS has been tasked to look more at campus operations
- Traditionally CSF's role has been primarily driven by grantmaking

- Mini-grants and large grants
- Will be discussing mini-grant max amount, currently <\$5,000
- Resilience Seed Grant focused on community resilience, happens in the spring
- CSF sees ourselves as the student hub for sustainability and pushing the narrative
 - Have been evaluating our mission
 - To foster an environmentally and socially engaged university culture
 - Create a sustainability campus by funding multidisciplinary, student initiated and led projects
 - Increase campus-wide social equity, community resilience, and ...
- In 2019, Kyle led CSF committee in creating a vision
 - At its core, the CSF provides opportunities for UW students to engage in the proposal, planning, and implementation of sustainability-oriented projects from conceptual design to project management through completion
 - Through this process, the CSF envisions its role as a catalyst for dialogue and proposed solutions to environmental justice concerns threats to longevity, and other societal problems that have a disproportionately negative impact on communities of color, and, in particular, on Black and Indigenous peoples
 - Values
 - Sustainability and Environmental Justice
 - Anti-racism and Intersectionality
 - Resilience & Wellbeing
 - Student Leadership & Empowerment
- Redefining how people see sustainability
 - Then vs now
 - Moving away from individualism
 - Working with communities and regenerative systems
 - Employing just-transition model
 - Moving away from an extractive economy that sees resources as infinite
 - Need to have more regeneration and reciprocity
- History of student-led change at UW
 - Mobilizing students to push agenda for what the university is doing

Sustainability hub, looking towards the future of the CSF

- Sustainability hub brain map
 - The way we can make the most impact is by becoming a sustainability hub
 - Grantmaking as a secondary purpose
 - Creating programs
 - Right now, students graduate and there's not a system that they exist in
 - Hard for us to manage all projects at once
 - When students want to engage with sustainability work, it's more like "what am I interested in?"
 - Often falls into different categories
 - Projects right now span a super wide array, the idea is to have collaborators come on under each topic

- Ex. Food sovereignty
 - Includes Intellectual House, native gardens, UW Food Pantry, Resiliency Tunnel, Veggie Mijas (external group)
 - Trying to do more related to policy and what UW is willing to work on
 - Hoping to do more with community and creating UW-paid internship opportunities
- Resource guide created by Kort Maeda
 - Difficult to engage with what intersectional sustainability means
 - Resource guide provides introduction
- Hoping to give opportunities beyond working with CSF as a staff and applying for a grant project
- Since 2019, have awarded the most number of projects to resilience/diversity/justice related projects, but have awarded the most money to other projects
 - Resilience/diversity/justice projects generally apply to mini-grants
- Trying to figure out how to be more focused and invest money into progressive projects
- Sohara asked how people find out about CSF funding when they have an idea
- Outreach has been focused on tabling, reaching out to groups that have been traditionally excluded from the environmental movement
 - OMAD, ECC, Resilience Lab
 - Student org, so we have turnover and our mission is always adapted to the students we have and their interests and strengths
 - Every year there's an opportunity to reset and think about what's needed now
 - Summer of 2020, had funds remaining and there was a petition going around to abolish the police force at UW, had a discussion with committee about whether we wanted to sign onto that
 - Committee member said we shouldn't take a stance on it but suggested that we create a grant opportunity for having discussions surrounding police force and impacts on BIPOC communities
- Christoph added that CSF has been pivoting from the mainstream environmental movement towards intersectional sustainability
 - Room for opportunity in engaging different departments and groups
 - Sustainability hub will be a much more visible, physical presence on campus
 - Centralized place to find out about sustainability initiatives on campus

4:20pm

- UW Sustainability Action Plan
 - Effort to have this be led by students
- Have had conversations about whether we should keep sustainability in our name
 - Decided we should because we need to reshape the definition
- Most of the groups on campus that get funding that work with underinvested students are also underinvested
- Going to have each meeting focused on a specific aspect of the transformation
- "Hopefully by next year we'll be sitting somewhere else" → in the sustainability hub

- Overview of different organizations represented in committee
 - ASUW
 - Esha gave overview
 - GPSS
 - Typical kind of graduate student body, do a lot of lobbying activities
 - Lauren shared about their legislative action board
 - Talk about what issues are important to students and where we can connect the student voice with higher levels of government
 - Christoph added that there's an opportunity to look inward at systemic sustainability on campus and how grad students can influence policy on campus
 - OMAD
 - Provide essential services for minority students on campus
 - Emmy is on student advisory board
 - Uniting body for all of the smaller bodies on campus
 - ECC, Intellectual House
 - Environmental Stewardship Committee
 - Sohara is representative, will be working on executive committee
 - Kyle talked about Lou, VP of facilities on committee, representative from OMAD, people from UW bothell, students from ASUW and GPSS
 - Been a group that shares information about sustainability work on tri-campuses, recently looked at governance structure and their ability to create policies (currently don't have policy creation power)
 - Hasn't quite fully embraced intersectional approach to sustainability, CSF has been encouraging this
 - Decarbonization effort has been a major focus for ESC
 - Decarbonization of campus power plant
 - Have been conversations about how the mandate in emission needs to change
 - Conversation about ESC name as well
 - Opportunity for CSF to push ESC in a progressive direction
 - Intellectual House
 - New seat, Tava is representative

4:40pm

- Tatiana gave overview of different responsibilities for each representative group
- Quick rundown of how projects are graded by committee
- Mini grant application will be live soon

4:45pm

- Overview of rules of order
- Will start with roll call
- 4 main rules we'll use
 - Introduce main motion – "I move to..." – need "I second the motion"

- Object to procedure – “Point of order”
- Request information – “Point of information”
- Clarify something that has been said – “Point of clarification”
- Liberating structures
 - Hope for the committee
 - Kyle shared that he uses this when he teaches
 - Used to help facilitate conversations
 - “Pedagogy of the oppressed” – Paolo Freire
 - Creating inclusive learning structures
 - Components
 - Include and Unleash Everyone
 - Practice Deep Respect for People and Local Solutions
 - Build Trust As You Go
 - Learn By Failing Forward
 - Practice Self-Discovery Within a Group
 - Amplify Freedom AND Responsibility
 - Emphasize Possibilities: Believe Before You See
 - Invite Creative Destruction To Enable Innovation
 - Engage In Seriously-Playful Curiosity
 - Never Start Without Clear Purpose
 - Examples
 - Think-pair-share
 - Hearing from everyone then deliberating
 - Making things more accessible for everyone, allowing everyone to express themselves the way that is most comfortable

4:52pm

- Sohara and Neha interested in running for chair
- Neha
 - Undergrad at Boston
 - Did work with their sustainability office
 - Excited to engage with the intersectional sustainability perspective that CSF has
 - Management skills
- Sohara
 - From Bangladesh, undergrad in econ and political science, masters in environmental at Oxford
 - Have been working on addressing climate change
 - Went back to home country after undergrad, helped shape interventions
 - Talked about vulnerable groups impacted by climate change
- Chair: Neha
- Vice Chair: Sohara
- Scribe bribe???? TBD
- Sohara can take notes

5:06pm

- Kyle gave rundown on payment
 - This quarter will be prorated
- Workday setup
 - tinyurl.com/csf-workday
 - Will talk about expectations about meeting attendance, etc.

5:12pm

- First student decarbonization meeting
 - Nov 8th from 4-5pm
- Watch party in office
- Organizing to do tours in current steam plant

- Lauren asked about CSF structure, relationship with UWS

Meeting End 5:15