

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Monday December 2, 2024 | 12:30-2:00pm PDT, Location: [Zoom](#)

Join Virtual Meeting (2024-2025)

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In attendance: Maya Lukalapu, Naomi Kuria, Mazzi Nowicki, Sofia Berkowitz, Danny Arguetty, Maddy Laoprasert, Tatiana Brown, Elias Plaster, Nino M.,
Start time: 12:30

Agenda		
Time	Item	Facilitator
12:30-12:40	<p>Meeting Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● [Review] Agenda for today<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentations!○ Bylaw updates○ Ex-Officio○ Grant discussions!● Reminders<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If you want to go to WOHESC (March 5-7), let Mazzi or Sofia know by 12/7<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ originally was 12/20 and if you need that time you can, but if you know by Friday that would be great!!■ reminder, WOHESC is two weeks before finals○ If you want more help with grant scoring, Tatiana is happy to meet 1-on-1● Committee members share<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Opportunity for committee members to share relevant updates from their appointment (no events were shared)● Community events<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Do you have any events you know about, especially related to the group you represent? here's time to share :)</i>○ Tomorrow: 12/3 Virtual SAP Community Kickoff Event from 2-4pm (Registration is required to join the meeting online: https://washington.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJElf-urrjgoG9Sqnrl_i5A0WhlIZ_GzhOoe)<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Discussion about opinions on the sustainability action plan. Share widely with Bothell and Tacoma campus. (cementing actions for next 5 years)■ For folks who could not come to the in person kick-off.	Sofia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Instagram post: https://www.instagram.com/uw_csf/p/DBrqBXCT51U/?img_index=1 ● Clarifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During LOIs, we can give suggestions as funders in-between LOI and full proposal (approving LOI does not mean we need to approve full proposals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We have influence and agency over LOIs to proposals. Be forthcoming ○ It's a bit more difficult for mini-grants, but we can figure out communicating if there are concerns! 	
12:40-12:55	<p>Knowing you, knowing me <i>Will be kept in this Google Drive</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maya (ASUW) presents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ASUW Board Rep (ex-officio member of committee). Liaison to student well-being, health, and ____? Sustainability. Works with UWPD, SALE, Husky Health, counseling center, UW Bookstore. Maya is the direct contact. Also is learning how to crochet. Passionate about government and public service. Currently sitting on 5 committees, 2 not active, then gets appointed to other ones! Likes to read & TV shows. ● Naomi presents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hanging out w friends, going to farmers market and loves to garden, listening to music! Born in Kenya and raised in US. Shared family :-) Played soccer growing up. 	Mazzi
12:55-1:05	<p>Bylaw Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bylaws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reflect how we function ○ Periodically we update ○ Specifically looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1.2 Non voting ex-officios members ■ Article 3, title, edits/consolidation on budget articles ■ Potentially a few other small edits ○ Value of fresh eyes in addition to above anything else that seems outdated, not representative? ○ Process ● Updated bylaws from this summer on this document ● By-laws to be looked at more Winter quarter! 	Tatiana/Maddy
1:05-1:10	<p>Ex-Officio List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ex-Officio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professors who would serve in an advisory role to the committee, offering expertise related to grant 	Danny

	<p>applications of their areas of knowledge. Will be attending meetings or reviewing information on a case-by-case basis. Will help advance CSF's mission and goals to shift the narrative of environmentalism as one led by communities of color</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Reminder to add professors you think would align with this role</i> 	
1:10-1:50	<p>Grant Discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Revisit Food Pantry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ email and previous funding ○ Bylaws would have to be changed in order to fund this project. Because we cannot do reimbursements. ○ Spending money on food can't happen because of policy changes in the last few years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Could fund service wears, etc., except for food that can be ingested. ○ In past funding a fast food recovery program, anaerobic digester (fast composter), bike from UW farm to pantry. Not funding their food, but infrastructure for them to supply food. ○ Clarification on food pantry: they are disqualified to be funded for the flooring because of their clarification. Do not do retroactive payments to protect ourselves, because we would have no money because there is no incentive to not do a deficit. ● Revisit POWWOW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ last year what we funded was given back to us because they got free rental. ○ Then why is rental and carpet costs on budget still? Lets send an email for clarification. ● Waste/Recycle/Compost Bins For Outdoor Activity Spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background from Dannys meeting with UWRec in April: Some additional background is that UW Recycling was letting Rec borrow outdoor bins, last I understood the location is by Denny field near the newish dorms. Recycling is taking those bins back so Rec is needing to buy some (they manage Denny field). The supplemental document they shared was a quote and not an invoice so this has not been purchased yet as far as we know. ○ Elias: Confused about student involvement. ○ Nino: Bins are good and teaching people how to recycle is good, but other groups already do that. 	Sofia

Thought they were handwavy, but how will they do this? If you say educational component, then how? But reducing waste would be more powerful.

- Why is UW rec not paying? Also is it a requirement that they have these bins? Have they done a need assessment? What did they find in their research that is making them ask for more bins
- Green Square: UW Tower Urban Garden Demonstration
 - Nino: Struggling because funding was supposed to be for employment, paying students, and RA. Curious if we can fund? Yes we can fund. We are biggest advocates of funding sources to fund time. This is against institutional norms.
 - Mazzi: Confused about benefits and percentages, GSA gets benefits but not sure about undergrad? Could be vacation time because its for Feb-Oct (Tatiana). Goes through different holidays. Students are usually compensated on a 10 week cycle. Could also be sick time (Danny)
 - Clara & Jessica (from comments): Wondering how many student volunteers/ workers? Are there currently unpaid ones? Where are they coming from? Usually paid grad student is in a supervisor coordinates volunteers
 - Mazzi: Metrics about who benefits from this, UW food pantry and more about workers who are impacted?
 - Julia: Specific signs and planning events and logistics.
 - Required for an hourly rate is 23% for workers compensation which includes:
 - Worker's Compensation
 - Unemployment Compensation
 - Health Plans
 - Retirement Plans
 - Social Security
 - Medicare
 - Separation Leave
 - U-PASS Subsidy
 - Paid Family Medical Leave
- Intramural Wheelchair Basketball
 - Only 1 wheelchair as extra but then they say 2? Could also be a warm up? Maybe it is IMA maintenance issues.
 - Budget: 4 extra staff time (about \$1000) but they are replacing it for time? So why new staff?

- Nino: education and outreach, they kind of said having it will automatically give education? Agrees but could also be extended.
- Clara, Jessica, Mazzi: Making sure they have people who are interested, working, and benefitting who are decision makers? They are working with DRS.
- Cultural sustainability feels like a stretch to some? Not like other projects we have funded in the past that get at cultural sustainability. Disability Justice Movement says that this should be led by those who are most impacted. More effort to have direct student involvement (specifically those who could benefit from wheelchair basketball/ disabled students)
- Would want to find out if they have to pay for participation? Are they making money off of it? Offer for free for a bit?
- Increasing Access to Sustainable and Safe Drinking Water Sources on Campus
 - Cost of installing stations is low-
 - Clara talked about funding in stages, it is a LOT of money for the project (installation) not costing that me.
 - Nino: This is a research project, do not fund?
Tatiana: We fund research associated with action and benefit to our direct (UW) community. We do not fund research for benefit of researcher or academic journal.
 - For QR codes, not helpful and would suggest doing a real flyer.
 - Julia and Mazzi: preliminary results were confusing, what they claimed vs the measurements they provided.
 - Most people are carrying reusable water bottle? Confused about preliminary data in general?
 - This feels more like a public health issue than a sustainability issue? Maybe there could be other funding sources? Could maybe be a pollution issue?
 - Elias: Does research have an impact on pipes? Nothing concrete other than 4 water filters they are funding.
 - Tatiana: Where are water fountains proposed? Who is this facing? We are doing Sustainability Action Plan, it could be wise for us to fund a project like this if things are moving slow at the institutional level, then this could lead to

	<p>upgrades... The SAP could be set as a priority for evaluations of piping. Student money shouldn't be put towards us if we are being poisoned. Do we want to pay \$94,000 for 4 fountains? Where can we address money to have a larger impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigating stormwater runoff for tire derived anti-degradants from athletic fields (Phase 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All of us confused about funding tuition, in general long project, can this be moved to another fiscal year? – not actually funding that? ○ People want more engagement and outreach, but they have a hired undergraduate for this specifically? <p><i>Members have already read, scored, and commented, and we are discussing them together.</i></p> <p>If you cannot come to the meeting, still score and leave comments for the grants that week! It's important to leave more in depth comments.</p> <p>Rubric Voting form</p> <p><i>Prioritize LOIs, then mini grants (by urgency).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>LOIs submitted</i> ● <i>Mini-grants submitted weeks ago</i> ● <i>Mini-grants that are time sensitive</i> ● <i>Mini-grants that are not time sensitive</i> 	
1:50-2:00	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next meetings (1 more this quarter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 12/9 12:30pm-2pm: <u>voting on all large grants, mini grants voting</u>, setting interim committee, wrap up quarter! ● Winter quarter meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make sure you have filled out the When2Meet by December 6th ● Mini-grants to read and score before 12/9 (REMINDER: mini-grants aren't two parts, so what you are scoring now is their final submission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vermiculture ○ VSAUW ○ Sustainable Gear ○ 2025 Pre-Health Conference ● Reminder to add professors you think would align with this role to the ex-officio list 	Sofia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions?	
	Final thoughts & adjourn	

For all committee members, by next week please review;

Vermiculture

VSAUW

Sustainable Gear

2025 Pre-Health Conference

Thank you all and I hope you enjoy the rest of your weeks! Let me know if you have any questions!