

# Campus Sustainability Fund

## Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Monday December 9, 2024 | 12:30-2:00pm PDT, Location: [Zoom](#)

### Join Virtual Meeting (2024-2025)

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/96349024112>

In attendance:

Start time: 12:30

| Agenda      |  |             |
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| Time        | Item   | Facilitator |
| 12:30-12:35 | <b>Meeting Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>[Review] Agenda for today</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Presentations!</li><li>○ Mini-grant discussions</li><li>○ Voting!</li><li>○ Setting interim committee</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Next quarter meetings</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Our meeting day and times for next quarter will be <b>Thursdays from 4:30-6pm</b></li></ul></li><li>● <b>Committee members share</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Opportunity for committee members to share relevant updates and events from their appointment</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Community events</b></li></ul>   | Sofia       |
| 12:35-1:07  | <b>Large Grant Discussions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Revisit previous grants that have responded to follow-ups</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Investigating storm water run-off<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ She is still navigating but it would be paying her salary for the work which is also for credits, which we have done before and she is totally willing to work on with us</li><li>■ Overall still confused about this</li></ul></li><li>○ Powwow<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Attached their specific budget which added up to 15,550</li></ul></li><li>○ Polynesian Student Alliance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Took food off the budget, swag bags are paper and will have uw branded stuff such as pens, extra money going to regalia budget, including dancers and volunteers</li><li>■ People are concerned about funding tshirts and swag bags, event is free and they invite a bunch of highschool students</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> | Mazzi / Boe |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wheelchair Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Not charging students and do not charge for any adaptive sports</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Waste/Recycle/Compost bins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ UW recycling requiring this, Bins will be located in denny field, waterfront, husky rock, chase anderson, haven't pursued alternative</li> <li>■ What is the student impact? Not sure... Only difference is composting?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Green Square <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Two volunteers at a time but hard during the summer, one for fall, one to two around project season, staff are volunteers</li> <li>■ Elias: Is garden accessible to UW students, or just staff to the UW tower?</li> <li>■ Danny: It is in plaza, ground floor. In theory students could access it- but few know about it?</li> <li>■ Walking tour may help? Need metrics of student visitors? Would be hard to get. What about metrics of UW food pantry?</li> <li>■ Visibility blurb: "As mentioned above, the main aim of the garden is to showcase the potential for growth in a harsh urban environment and the importance of urban agriculture in localizing the food system and decreasing carbon footprints. The UW Tower plaza is a central point for many UW employees, surrounding it are many offices that form the backbone of the university. The UW Tower houses 2000 people, most of which pass through the plaza at least twice a day. Many visitors to the University of Washington, such as donors, also go to the UW Tower and would be exposed to the project. The opening of the U District Link station means that many passersby will see the plaza when they exist the station, so visibility is not an issue. However, anytime we organize an event such as a guest lecture, or a farmer's market, we will be sure to inform students who might not go to the UW Tower daily through social media and on the University of Washington website's events page."</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Drinking Water</li> </ul> |  |
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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ UW does not do routine testing, only does so if a building asks but doesn't check asbestos and heavy metals and has no campus wide policies, some evidence of increased reliance on bottled sources</li> <li>■ Who is the person we are funding?<br/>Previous question answered; yes we can fund working time</li> <li>○ Sustainable Gear (mini) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In mini grant section</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Rubric Project Q&amp;A document</a></p>   |         |
| 1:07-1:17 | <p><b>Knowing you, knowing me</b><br/><i>Will be kept in this <a href="#">Google Drive</a></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nino <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ King County Metro car service!<br/><a href="https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/community-van">https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/metro/travel-options/community-van</a> (group hike? :-))</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">Clara (pre-recorded)</a></li> </ul> <p>Switched to after large grant discussions because Nino will be here at @1</p>   | Mazzi   |
| 1:15-1:18 | <p><b>Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Our plan, demand vs. capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For now, focus on <u>'is this a project we'd be interested in funding?'</u></li> <li>○ Next quarter, doing participatory budgeting process together</li> <li>○ Usually spend \$200,000-\$400,000 a year towards grant making. Currently in conversations with STF and if we will get money from them? Usually get \$200,000 a year from STF towards technology. Will also be recouping money from old projects.</li> <li>○ 3 different tiers to voting: YES fund, YES fund with reservations (only want to fund under certain conditions, only want to fund certain parts)... or NO!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Guidance for voting</li> </ul> | Tatiana |
| 1:18-1:30 | <p><b>LOI Voting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Refresh on how voting works</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discuss voting choices and voting form lay out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Yes, yes with reservations (state), no <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yes with reservations; we will be sending then the responses/ red flags</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Sofia   |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ We will be sending back feedback if it is approved, so even if you don't write reservations here, we will still send the ones from our discussions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Simple majority (5-3 of full voting members) required for project to be approved</li> <li>● <b>Deliberate on any LOIs with remaining concerns</b></li> <li>● <b>Vote!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Large Grant Voting form</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Snacks? Allergies/preferences? Also here :)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Share results</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |       |
| 1:30-1:50 | <p><b>Mini-Grants Discussions/Voting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Discussing mini grants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vermiculture           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Concerns about impact of compost lid- also don't know anything about lid making. Was a significant amount for time to make lid.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ VSAUW           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Haven't previously funded! They charge \$15 for the event to members, \$20 to non-members</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Sustainable Gear w/ response           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Response: How is the new gear sustainable, new stoves use less gas, water filtration doesn't use bad chemicals, snowshoes are more durable and have to be replaced less often than the current ones, have had the equipment since 2017 and have been repairing every year, new rather than lightly used because it ensures the durability</li> <li>■ Concern about funding gas for stove. Where does gas normally come from? Not in budget already? Not a lot in behavior change and impact?</li> <li>■ Point in their favor: Having a good rental placer; promotes use of gear there? Prevents individual students of their own gear. If bad quality and less useable- students may not be reliable.</li> <li>■ Confused if this is</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Sofia |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Is this part of their core program to have this equipment? What is their budget like if they cant support upkeep of products?</li> <li>■ Elias: First supported, seems they will be making profit so feels odd to fund?</li> <li>■ They employ lots of students... Are they looking for other funding sources that will help reduce costs? If we dont fund- will program be shut down? Rental prices are quite high (not much incentive for offering better rates for students- REI rental is similar prices.)</li> <li>○ 2025 Pre-Health Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Its free! Applying because free.</li> <li>■ Jessica: Seems like sustaining program- not really sure how CSF could help? Concerned about lasting model</li> <li>■ Underrepresented minority being helped so that cultural impact.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Rubric</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Vote!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reminder: this is approving the entire request! If there is anything you are concerned about, vote no and we can invite them to resubmit. If approved, we can make suggestions, but we are giving them the money now.</li> <li>○ Deliberate on anything else as needed</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Mini Grant Voting form</a></li> <li>○ Share results</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |         |
| 1:50-1:55 | <p><b>Interim Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For things that need to be addressed while on break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Naomi and Mazzi (Dec 17th-24) out</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Responsibilities of interim committee include responding to emails if they arise, (very low lift)</li> </ul>  | Tatiana |
| 1:55-2:00 | <p><b>Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Congratulations on voting!!!</b></li> <li>● <b>Winter quarter meetings: Thursdays 4:30pm-6pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Put our new meeting in your calendar! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ first one will be Jan 9th</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ In-person meetings: Gerberding B-40 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hybrid is always an option!</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | Sofia   |

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|                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next meeting: participatory budgeting process (budget packet due 1/17)</li> <li>● <b>Questions?</b></li> <li>● <b>Have a great break and see you all next quarter!</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Savory &gt; sweet. Mangoes, melon, TJ's simply dried mango!</b></p> <p><b>Chips + Guac</b></p> <p><b>white cheddar popcorn :)</b></p> <p><b>fruit and chips</b></p> <p><b>Chocolate, dried mango, dried mango covered with chocolate :P</b></p> <p><b>fruit!</b></p> |  |
| <b>Final thoughts &amp; adjourn</b> |   |  |

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

**Large project voting!:**

| <b>Project Name</b>                    | <b>Yes</b> | <b>Yes with Reservations</b> | <b>No</b> |
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| Waste Bins                             | 0          | 2                            | 5         |
| Micronesian cultural preservation      | 3          | 4                            | 0         |
| Increase access to safe and affordable | 0          | 6                            | 1         |
| <b>KERATON</b>                         | 7          | 0                            | 0         |
| Khmer new year show                    | 4          | 3                            | 0         |
| <b>First Nations powwow</b>            | 5          | (recuse) - 2                 | 0         |
| Polynesian student alliance            | 2          | 5                            | 0         |
| Intramural Wheelchair                  | 4          | 2                            | 1         |

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| UW food pantry                           | 0 | 1          | 6 |
| Green square                             | 2 | 4          | 1 |
| Business denmark                         | 0 | 0          | 7 |
| <b>Pacific Island student convention</b> | 6 | 1          | 0 |
| Investigating stormwater runoff          | 2 | <b>5</b>   | 0 |
| MINI GRANT                               |   |            |   |
| Vermiculture lid                         | 6 |            | 1 |
| VSAUW                                    | 6 |            | 1 |
| Sustainable Gear                         | 1 |            | 6 |
| 2025 pre-health conference               | 5 | Recuse - 1 | 1 |