

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Thursday January 9, 2024 | 4:30-6:00pm PDT, Location: Gerberding room B-40 or [Zoom](#)

Join Virtual Meeting (2024-2025)

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

In attendance: Mazzi, Sofia, Tatiana, Boe, Kort, Naomi, Julia, Nino, Elias, Maya, Danny, Clara

Start time: 4:30

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| Time | Item | Facilitator |
| 4:30-4:40 | <p>Meeting Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● [Review] Agenda for today<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Catch up after winter break○ Participatory budgeting objective● Committee members share<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Opportunity for committee members to share relevant updates and events from their appointment<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Clara: co-chair of college of the environment student advisory council. CSF donation as graduation gift. Looking for list of projects to donate to. Other criteria, avoiding the farm because the last three gifts have been the UW farm. Being in touch with michelle and CC clara!■ Maya: National pan highlight council. Organization that governs black frat and sororities. Across country to honor, campus establish unity plots. Currently there are plaques. Trying to establish unity plots instead (hoping to establish sustainable way to meet mission). Hosting event next month to fundraise! Lydia can come to next meeting■ Maya: ASUW Health and wellness town hall next week, January 15th in Oak Denny Room from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm.■ Community events○ Paid Volunteers for South Park Community Engagement Methodology - HEAL Capacity Building Fund (part of Earth Lab). Qualitative.<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ We are looking for three (3) skilled and detail-oriented volunteers to support our team in designing and writing the methodology chapters for our Community Engagement Methodology - South Park | Sofia/Tatiana |

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| | <p>guide, taking as reference the Duwamish Valley Action Plan (DVAP) of the City of Seattle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Supporting creation of a Community Engagement Methodology guide for South Park: drafting methodology chapters, participating in community events, and collaborating on project charters for mobility, transportation, and healthy environments. ■ Program runs from January 6 to June 30, 2025; hybrid; volunteers receive a \$1000 stipend ■ Application due ASAP (positions open until filled) Please contact Edwin Hernandez at edwin.hernandez.reto@gmail.com or call/text (206) 566-1488 to express your interest and for further information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EarthLab Summer Internship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9-week opportunity to collaborate with EarthLab and its partnering organizations on applied research and projects addressing pressing environmental and societal challenges. ■ Fairly competitive, 100 applicants last year and 10 spots. For undergrads. ■ Interns will receive a paid stipend plus a one-time \$180 commuting stipend which can be used to activate a UPass for summer quarter. ■ Virtual info sessions on January 13, January 23, and January 30 ■ Applications are due by 5 p.m. PT on February 6, 2025. ○ HuES on-campus UW Power Plant tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jan 14th RSVP 10:30-12pm ■ Jan 23rd RSVP 10-11:30am ■ Jan 27th RSVP 1-2:30pm ○ HuES (UW Sustainability) Earth Day committee sign up <p>Would be helpful to see emails to forward for these “spread the word!”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● | |
| 4:40-5:50 | <p>What is approved? What is rejected? From this cycle LOIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NOT APPROVED: Waste/Recycle/Compost bins..., UW food pantry new flooring installation, Business Denmark | Tatiana |

- APPROVED: Micronesia Cultural Preservation, Increasing access to sustainable and safe drinking water..., KERATON 2025, Khmer New Year Show, First Nation's at UW 54th Powwow, Polynesian Student Alliance, Intramural Wheelchair Basketball, Green square: UW..., Pacific Islander Student Alliance..., Investigating Stormwater runoff...
- MAXIMUM AMOUNT WE COULD AWARD: \$324,014 for LOI. Mini grant: \$12,244

Participatory Budgeting Objective

- **Overview & process reminder**
 - Learned about this in orientation.
 - **Participatory budgeting?** We like to do within organization. Other forms of budget do it! Like Seattle :-). Individuals as tax payers whom uphold programs should have some say in how money is spent. Application to UW and CSF: We get all of our money from student fees. We want to give an opportunity for agency. CSF staff therefore is not full decider on who shapes CSF budget and how we want to spend those dollars. Conversation in both dollar amount AND how CSF will grow. Budget determines what we can do. If it is not budgeted for, then not doable. Our opinions will be reflected in what CSF asks for from SAF.
- **Outline of core budget items**
 - Broken down into 3 categories. So pretty much 2 'play areas'. Today we will reflect how committee has been <3 What desire is for learning more about other CSF programmatic aspects (outside of grant reviewing). And then what are the main priorities of main investment of money.
 - DIFFERENT SECTIONS:
 - Investment & partnerships
 - More in events?
 - Conferences we want to attend?
 - Stipends/honorariums for people working with CSF on volunteer basis
 - REVENUE SOURCES: SAF now, in past STF (\$200,000)
 - \$220,000 is total we approved for grants. Looking at other streams of funding, such as recouping. So far \$48,000 is coming in. Also putting pressure on STF for \$200,000. We also have a reserve (essentially a savings account).

- Essentially we can comfortably support \$278,000 of grant funding for BOTH cycles.
 - SAF always wants to see high investment of grants. When they see a dip in grants (amount we award).
- Money allocated:
 - Large grants
 - Mini grants allocated \$40,000
 - Resilience seed: \$20,000
- \$9000; Programming besides grant making in years past (this is work that a lot of the CSF staff engages with, but committee members can get more involved if this is something we are passionate about):
 - UW sustainability, UW Womens Center, HuES, other group partnerships, Earth Lab, Q Center
 - In spring April, EARTH WEEK (many different programs with different partners)
 - Climate justice conversation around programming. No event this year because no money.
 - Menstruation station and Engender programs; living art museum and goes around binders and story of access to gender affirming care.
 - Events, for example teach-ins. No flexible budget.
 - Conference fees. Don't imagine lots of conference fees. Want to go to professional career.
 - Stipends and honorariums, such as volunteer stipends... Only way to do that is through unpaid labor; such as CELE, volunteer, Capstone students, Zine...
 - CELE and volunteer could help with our marketing (we need marketing and promotions but don't have capacity, so otherwise possibly another undergrad), but capstone and zine are separate
- Whats up with money from STF? Probably not gonna get, and if we do get it, restrictions!!
- High level thoughts from Julia: Willing to meet next week to not rush through this. Budget itself and reallocating, requires more thinking and talking about broader

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| | <p>thoughts about how grant changes allocations. And then future conversations about. And what are partnerships doing that grants aren't? How can we shift our priorities in grant making be retargetting how soliciting and funding grants to target.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EXTENSION FOR DEADLINE? Friday 17th. <p>GOALS OF CSF AT LARGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not just grants (external) vs other (interal) ● “Retargetting how we are soliciting grants” ● Possibly doing themed grant cycles... Ways to do teach-ins especially as administration changes. :-) Do round abouts to make this work~ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need more flexible spending! ● We are funding a lot of smaller cultural events, weird they are not funded by the school! Getting it started to campaign for them to have money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of money going toward space reservations! ○ Talk to First Nations to see what their process was for the 2 years ● Every project we fund enters our portfolio. <p>Julia would like to see breakdown of things that are funded since creation to now!!</p> <p>EVERYONE: Think of dream things to fund <3. There are projects that are mean to build the physical environment, then projects that create culture of sustainability</p> <p>Different options to focus allocations in FY25-FY26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miro board CSF programming ● Open discussion & budget consensus <p>Budget excel</p> | |
| 5:50-6:00 | <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outline of schedule for the rest of the quarter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full proposals due 1/17 ○ Full proposal presentations 1/23 and 1/30 ○ Cycle 2 LOI's due 2/21/25 (mini grants accepted on rolling basis) ● Next meeting: OPTIONAL 1/16 to continue budgeting NORMAL 1/23 for first presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No meeting next week to give time to read the proposals unless you want to come for budgeting ○ We want comments from everyone since we won't be talking about this in person - come prepared with questions!!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tatiana will be sending out a guide about how to prepare for the presentations | Sofia |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● On guide make shared community dpc<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ What would be a good time for office hours if you want to meet with us before the presentations? Tuesday or Wednesday (20 or 21)?● WOHESC<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ https://wohesc.org/○ Who cannot go?○ Who would not want to present?<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ About CSF committee structure (looks great for CV!)● Questions?● Knowing You Knowing Me (<i>no time, next meeting</i>)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Maddy (8min) <p>Final thoughts & adjourn</p> | |
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