

Campus Sustainability Fund

Optional Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Thursday January 16, 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: Maya, Namoi, Tatiana, Danny, Nino, Mazzi, Sofia, Julia, Carla, Boe

Start time: 4:30

Agenda		
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"> ○ Participatory budgeting continued ● Committee members share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity for committee members to share relevant updates and events from their appointment ● Community events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminder: 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 guide, taking as reference the Duwamish Valley Action Plan (DVAP) of the City of Seattle ■ 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. ○ Reminder: EarthLab Summer Internship Program 	Sofia

	<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 23, and January 30 ■ Applications are due by 5 p.m. PT on February 6, 2025. ○ Reminder: HuES on-campus UW Power Plant tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jan 23rd RSVP 10-11:30am ■ Jan 27th RSVP 1-2:30pm ○ 2025 Washington State Recycling Association’s (WSRA) Conference. They are partnering with the Washington Organic Recycling Council this year. The conference dates are May 19-22, 2025 They have a Student Scholarships ○ Algalita's Wayfinder Society is offering a Student Mini-Grant for students (ages 11-25) looking for financial support toward their project, internship, or education addressing the plastic crisis. Mini-grants range from \$300 – \$2000. The application will close on April 15th. Learn more and apply! ○ HuES (UW Sustainability) Earth Day committee sign up 	
4:40-5:50	<p>Participatory Budgeting Objective UPDATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Met with SAF team 2 days ago: Extended deadline for budget packet and conversation with Haley (til mid February!) ● Danny emailed STF advisor, Haley from SAF talked to advisor, and Boe messaged the chair on Discord, then he responded!! We are submitting for a <u>\$200,000</u> block grant! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Line items for storm water, drinking water (oh they also have an update that storm water is a lower budget), and wheel chair STF can take! ○ Anyone applying still needs a fiscal admin (if they are getting any CSF money from CSF!) 	Tatiana

- There is a problem with clubs to get fiscal funding. Apply for funding page has SAO funding info that we got this summer.
- SAF has a one time \$20,000 grant. They are spending \$100,000 in total for 19 units. We should understand our priority areas to inspire this grant ask.
- New people are starting at \$22 and will shadow Boe and Kort for a month and a half.
- Sofia wants money for our campaign V space
 - There has been problem with first nations and them charging os much for space costs, facility costs!!
 - Policy changes personal potential
 - Maya: I agree. SAF gives money based on how you're using money currently and whether you're trying to resolve issues internally before requesting for more money
 - Nino and Mazzi talking about calls, cross departmental partnerships, call for a specific ask kinda like what NSF does.
 - We see cultural events, big research project (expensive!!!!), UW infrastructure and operations lol...
 - Reduced innovations.. We are receiving what people give us... we do not see enough intentional, long lasting projects. We used to have a metric of departments reached. Success rate of short term projects is higher.
 - Maybe 1 specialized cycle, 1 general cycle, then rolling mini grants.
 - University is failing in a lot of ways where we are cleaning up their messes!! But we should be able to do more experimental projects. Also when a project stops, a student still learns through failing.
 - Dorms have such bad recycling, medical, and athletics as well it all goes in the garbage!!!
 - So many options. First line communities and helping, but also we should be creating a space within our community and continue messaging that sustainability is important and we have resources. So Nino wants to prioritize things on campus so like running events, trash on campus, career opportunities. Not favoring research grants.
 - Can't change for this cycle, has to be next year

- Alsooo the stipends aren't impacting students....! Drinking water proposal should be funded by a different entity.

- For feasibility of facility grants, they need a PI partner. Needs to be implemented for staff and faculty. These are expensive and where is the money now !?!?!

- Proposal of difference
- Kyle old director was in to the cultural groups. So lets honor them <3
- Dorms have problems!! They spent \$14k to get rid of their junk. What can we do?
- Cultural events, relating to 'justice centered' and make it clear that we want that and give them coaching.
- We need PUBLIC not internal guidelines if we make some new.
- Sofia, Tatiana and I eat mango
- Avela (A Vision for Engineering Literacy and Access) RSO group on campus was looking on campus.
- We fund a lot of cultural EVENTS, but project like kamas meadows at Burke museum
- We need to do information pathways.
- We want to do more student led, access for random students on campus.
- WE WANT CAPSTONE AND INDEPENDENT STUDY KIDS TO PARTNER WITH US! <3
- Teach ins, stipends for capital grant (\$20,000)
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1. Determine allocations for FY26 ask
2. Discuss:
 - a. Dream projects for the CSF
 - b. Reflections for committee members on how they are spending their time + would like to be involved
 - c. Problem solving, grants vs. program v. staff

RECAP

- **Outline of core budget items**
 - 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), they get nervous!
 - Money allocated:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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): <p>GOALS OF CSF AT LARGE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not just grants (external) vs other (internal) ● “Retargeting how we are soliciting grants” ● Possibly doing themed grant cycles... Ways to do teach-ins especially as administration changes. :-) Do roundabouts 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. ● How can we shift our priorities in grant making to retarget what we fund? <p>Funding breakdown over time</p> <p>EVERYONE: Think of dream things to fund <3. There are projects that are <u>meant to build & support the physical environment</u>, then projects that <u>create culture of sustainability</u> on campus.</p> <p>Different options to focus allocations in FY25-FY26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miro board CSF programming <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: 1/23 for first presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Before meeting, read the following proposals (released 1/17): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ IMA Wheelchairs ■ Khmer NY Show ■ Pacific Islander Student Association Convention 	Sofia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Micronesia Cultural Presentation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tatiana will be sending out a guide on how to prepare with a list for questions at the bottom, everyone add at least one○ 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/○ Reminder to let us know!● Questions? <p>Final thoughts & adjourn</p>	
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