

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday November 4, 2025 | 5:00-6:30pm PDT, Location: Condon Hall 012

Join Virtual Meeting (2025-2026)

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In attendance: Sofia, Clara, Jessica, Mira, Nino, Zaara, Danny

Start time: 5

Agenda		
Time	Item	Facilitator
5:00-5:10	<p>Meeting Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● [Review] Agenda for today <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet new committee member ○ Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meetings for the rest of the quarter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tuesday the 11: 5-6:30 (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LOI's ● Thursday the 20: 2:30-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mini grants and participatory budgeting ■ Next quarter meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When2Meet will be sent out in next couple weeks once everyone has registered for classes ■ Potluck -many people were sick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May reschedule but might not be feasible ○ Score mini grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Photovoltaic ■ Teacher/Scholar ■ MAYBE: Native Food Ecosystem ● 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"> ■ Net Impact is hosting <i>Pathways to Impact: Sustainability Speed Networking</i>. A professional development event designed to help students explore career paths at the intersection of business, policy, and environmental impact. It is comprised of (1) a speaker panel, and (2) a speed-networking session. 	Sofia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wednesday, November 12th 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm ■ Founders Commons (Founders Hall 180) ■ Light dinner served at 5:45 pm Additional refreshments provided throughout the event ■ Dress code: Business Casual 	
5:10-5:45	<p><u>Mini-grant</u> Reviewing Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Photovo Itaic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to reach out to Lorenzo about the signature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Could approve with the stipulation that they have signatures/stakeholder approval ○ (Minor) concerns/confusion about the 20-year life span and what that means ○ Equipment purchase and installation seem feasible ○ Project motivated by creating data platform, but do not elaborate on plan beyond that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Who is running it? How is it displayed? ● Teacher/Scholar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bylaw change around gift cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What are gift cards for? ■ Visa gift cards would be okay, don't want to fund gift cards for companies that don't align with our values ■ Not funding gift cards might pose accessibility issues for students trying to find a fiscal admin ■ Language/framework around the distinction of approved gift cards is difficult <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can say will fund student time with gift cards? ■ Need to rework/clarify language generally ○ Stipends are difficult because fiscal admin would have to set 20 people up on workday ○ Agreement that we want the students in the proposal to be paid ○ Reach back out to them and see if stipends are possible, and if not, we can revisit ○ Can we delay this before voting to discuss bylaws? ○ Budget Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ \$800 for transcription services seems steep 	Sofia/Clara

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Google’s transcription service is very affordable (around \$1 per hour of video) ■ Need more clarification on who is transcribing if its manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Willing to fund student time for cleaning transcription from more affordable option ○ Slack doesn’t feel like enough to build and sustain a community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Overworked students might not feel incentivised to attend a podcast listening event ○ Underestimating amount amount of time things (website creation, interview cycles) will take ○ Longevity Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Why don’t they use the Suzzallo podcasting equipment? ■ RSO center also has podcasting center ■ Student Tech Loan program ■ No plan for disseminating podcast for the outreach and awareness they are aiming for ○ Nobody seems comfortable funding-what do we want to be reworked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ More clarification on transcription service and cost ■ Stipeds? Yes or no? ■ Reasoning behind not using free on-campus services for recording equipment ■ What room are you renting? Why are you renting a room if we are buying podcast equipment? ○ Can vote as is, and tell them why we say no (potentially) and invite them to resubmit with changes ● Native Food Ecosystem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Didn’t submit by deadline, so we can revisit ○ Committee members have this scored by the November 20th meeting <p>Vote</p>	
5:50-6:25	<p>Participatory budgeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee has a strong voice in what we do, including the budget, so we provide insight on what we want to prioritize for that year 	Danny

- We apply to the Student Activity Fee (SAF) every year
 - Very hands off once they give money- we have a lot of leeway
- Last year we discussed themed proposals and how we want to approach outreach and communication
- 2024 participatory budgeting notes:
 - Themed proposals
 - Special mini grant– \$\$, mentorship, support
 - Cultural vs infrastructure vs capacity building vs research (applied)
 - Call for capstones
 - Policy change
 - Internal policy
 - Stipend– marketing (groups we aren't currently reaching + elevating work of existing projects (SER UW, Ivy, Camas, Borns); reach most students)
 - Stipend– community research
 - CSF vs \$\$ for space
 - Cultural events– add new reqs
 - Research– deprioritize, \$\$
 - Infrastructure/university ops– increase
 - Fund long lasting projects, lower carbon emissions (special cycle, PI co-signer or public interest categories)
 - Increase cross-departmental [1 special cycle, 1 general cycle, and minigrant]
 - “Sustainability is important to us” 1. our campus, 2. career opportunities
 - **Revisiting the above– what are some things from committee perspective that might be a priority to implement this year?**
- SAF moved deadlines on participatory budgeting up so we are starting conversation now-Budget packet must be turned in by January 7th
- War with space
 - Many cultural groups have to pay large fees to rent space on campus
- Could have language saying that will prioritize certain themes for grant cycles, but others are welcome to apply
 - Might help generate ideas
 - Need to be careful about language
- Deprioritizing research?
 - New funding cuts are making people pro funding research this year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transparency about how much we can fund per project - recurring conversation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Could be helpful to say on website our annual funding, amount we get in funding requests each year, and amount of applications ■ On the other hand, having higher annual requests gives us a stronger case for advocating for a student fee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Having Lorenzo be more upfront about them during the application process when groups submit grants with high cost ● <u>Pictures of brainstorming for participatory budgeting last year</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please take a look! 	
6:25-6:30	<p>Final thoughts & adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAF site visits Nov 14 1-3 pm and will be 30 minutes during that time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please block off this time period now if you are available 	Danny/Clara