

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2013 – 12:00pm – Gerbending 275

Agenda		
Time	Item	Presenter
12:00pm	Approve 11/22 Minutes	Teos
12:02pm	Approve 12/6 Agenda	Teos
12:04pm	Continue LOI discuss	Committee
1:25pm	Wrap Up, notification plans/timetable Adjourn	Teos

Motion: To approve 11/22 minutes. –PASSED—Unanimous

Motion: To approve 12/6 minutes –PASSED—Unanimous

1) Discuss LOIs

- a) Green Wall Education Elements – PASS TO FULL PROPOSAL
 - i) It has a smaller ask from a previously funded project
 - ii) CSF uses Green Wall in a lot of outreach, good investment for us
 - iii) signs will improve value
 - iv) is it still our responsibility to keep funding it? Or is it the Green Futures Lab's responsibility?
 - v) A lot of this project is in paying personnel, maybe they can contribute something too? Labor or money.
 - vi) We will ask them about student wages, we want to see some sort of match.
- b) Greening Wallace Hall 2.0 – NOT PASSED
 - i) Greening Wallace Hall 1.0 was more for improvements in the bathrooms CSF uses Green Wall in a lot of outreach, good investment for us
 - ii) Wallace Hall should be leader in environmental sustainability
 - iii) Can students put together a report after the adjustments are made? Is this a pilot for other buildings? If these infrastructure projects are proven to work, then the university should be paying for these changes
 - iv) Will this set a precedent for other campus halls?
 - v) Who will be installing these projects? SAGE members? Campus facilities? CSF has concerns about expertise in installing infrastructure.
 - vi) Will these rain barrels be large enough for sprinkler system? – please refer to expert advice
- c) Green Kidney Project – PASSED TO FULL PROPOSAL
 - i) two very similar projects are close in proximity to each other (HSS Bioswale by law library)
 - ii) HSS looked at GKP site and was steered away because of development plans
 - iii) should confer with Christine Kenny for an appropriate site
 - iv) CSF will connect project to campus departments
 - v) good to have two similar projects so we can compare and contrast two methods, repetitiveness is not a deficit
 - vi) CSF strongly encourages a feasibility study for Green Kidney Project

- vii) Concerns with student position and education and outreach components , would encourage project to expand on this section of proposal more
- viii) having another bioswale in a large city, restating our commitment to a city-wide project
- ix) what would the plan look like? What kind of plants? How will they be effected over the winter months?
- x) tax credits? Can you apply for those, or how likely are you get these?
- xi) Student position- if you continue this position how will they be paid after the first proposal? Maintenance would be have to be done by UW Grounds – Talk to Christine Keney
- xii) expand on how they should talk to Grounds in their proposal, SPU were excited about this project (match??)
- xiii) PLEASE DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY!
- d) SER UW Pathways Through Restoration – PASSED TO FULL PROPOSAL
 - i) Proposal not clear on what they want to do...
 - ii) Concerns about location of projects – too near to tennis courts? Not the most appropriate site for what they want to do? How affective will this project be for this location?
 - iii) Need more detail in timeline and budget allocation
 - iv) How will you advertise speakers? Work with Art Building and other departments for art installations?
 - v) We are concerned with how effective this space will be with residence halls and tennis courts. If you could choose a couple of other spaces on campus, where would they be? On the other hand, location is nice because it in in the middle of everything, a good cross-section.
 - vi) CSF likes that this space is already underway
 - vii) Duplication of Kincaid Ravine? We want to see a more diverse range of projects overall
 - viii) Do they know traffic rates of ravine?
- e) Green Roof at ECC – NOT PASSED
 - i) Project would introduce sustainability to a different part of campus
 - ii) Looked up UrbanCanopy, person proposing is the co-owner of the company
 - iii) Concerns about not having secured a place yet on campus
 - iv) Conflict of interest: student tuition dollars funding a company’s labor? What if fund just supports equipment and labor is donated? Isn’t clear how much work company has done beforehand.
 - v) We can put constraints on what we want to see funded. We would like to see more specifics. How many roofs? Please talk to Christine and Howard – UW Grounds. Lindsey Cameron – How will ECC infrastructure support load of a green roof?
 - vi) Recommend a feasibility study because we like the general idea of project.
 - vii) What does it mean about minimal maintenance and how would you maintain student volunteers? How will this project benefit just more than this building? Is it visible to the public? Need more specifics on location. Will signage, education, and student involvement be included?
 - viii) PLEASE DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY, we would like to see this again.
- f) Vermicomposting – NOT PASSED
 - i) Only three students involved right now, how will future maintenance, upkeep and student involvement be maintained?
 - ii) What will the paid student position do? How many people? What percentage of compost be created will be saved and used on campus? How does that compare to the rest of the compost going to Cedar Grove?
 - iii) How much is it expected to grow? What sort of timeline?

- iv) How is communication with the HUB? Where are you getting food from? How are you going to direct the “right” kind of waste for worms?
- v) Good platform to show how composting can be done at home, and not just at a large scale industrial composting. Demonstration component is important to let students know how they can participate.
- vi) Where will this be in the HUB specifically? Presentation and design to draw students in? How can you show us that students will be interested and stop to look?
- vii) Given our questions, we like the idea but would like the answers and ideas for flushed out in the spring proposal
- g) SEFS Restoration – PASSED TO FULL PROPOSAL
 - i) Student tuition for food concerns
 - ii) Do other campus groups have tools you can use instead of buying new ones?
 - iii) This will expand campus health and set a good precedent for restoration efforts elsewhere.
 - iv) CSF likes the idea that more projects are happening around the Burke Gilman Trail.
 - v) Fund matching? UW match funds? Nick Dankers: Nursery will give 50% discount on plants.
 - vi) Can plans be generalized enough for other groups to use the same strategy for the rest of the Burke Gilman Trail?

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