

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday February 10, 2014 - 3:30pm - Husky Union Building 307

Agenda		
Time	Item	Presenter
3:30pm	Approve 2/3/14 Minutes	Elizabeth
3:30pm	Approve 2/10/14 Agenda	Elizabeth
3:31pm	Discuss Proposals and Presentations	Committee
4:25pm	Wrap Up, Additions for Next Week's Agenda, Adjourn	Elizabeth

- 1) Approve 2/3/14 Minutes: **APPROVED**
- 2) Approve 2/10/14 Agenda: **APPROVED**
- 3) Discuss Proposals and Presentations
 - a) UW Biodiesel—tentatively yes
 - i) Not in a good location for people to see
 - (1) If we had a fleet, and it was built, then we would figure out how we would get people to come
 - (2) If there WAS way to have tours to out there, still a factor
 - (3) Kincaid Ravine is near there, and water recapture thing, or UW Farm Greenhouse is far
 - (a) By placing there, would add an extension to our impact
 - ii) Lot of money to put into this, and a lot of future factors that they might be thinking about
 - (1) Is our technology compatible?
 - (a) They said no...so where would the money come from?
 - iii) Diesel and gas use in general is a problem we would like to be able to effect
 - (1) Technology and such are not up to date, but this would be a good step forward, to reduce our impact as a campus. This is one we would love to change and get better at
 - (2) More risky, but a lot more potential to make a bigger impact
 - (3) Love closed-loop idea (usually it is to OR and back. Instead would just be here!)
 - (4) Great as demonstration; creating lab out of shipping container is great at using existing materials
 - iv) This group has been going on for YEARS to find a space; had temporary space but got bumped from it. Space on campus is extremely valuable. If someone gets a huge grant, compared to this group, they will be kicked out. And were. ☹
 - v) This would help them grow a lot!

- vi) Benefit of taking a risk
- vii) Sticking point with this one...compared to other projects, it is a high price tag, and so we wouldn't be able to fund as many
- viii) They did raise \$8000 outside of us, so...☺
- ix) Would want to see MORE student involvement, MORE education...something to make it better.
- b) Greenwall—tentatively less, with restrictions
 - i) We have funded them already
 - ii) It is a “small” price tag, so if it is so small and the public love so much, maybe try to raise this much?
 - iii) Doesn't have a letter of support from facilities
 - (1) Cost overruns from last time...
 - (2) This year's project is relatively simple, but they should have letter of support from faculty (?)
 - iv) Right out there on the street, easily accessible to anyone to just walk by and check it out
 - (1) Like incorporating perches for birds
 - v) This group hasn't responded to our questions yet
 - (1) They mentioned in their presentation that their signs would go right by the bus-stop, and there is that issue of campus, city property.
 - (a) If put a sign near a bus stop, would there need to be permits? Certain criteria they have to follow?
 - (b) Remains question and reservation
 - vi) Like supporting educational signage and bird perches. Don't know why measurement gauge is necessary
 - (1) But is it fair to cut down costs when it is already so low in comparison?
 - (a) Yet water level gauge also doesn't really fit with educational idea
 - (i) Behind a closed fence, so many people don't know what it is
 - (ii) With a gauge, one can learn from it
 - (iii) Banking on people investigating this....would they?
 - (iv) Would help them as well, but do they really need it?
 - 1. Would people go look at a cistern behind a fence
 - 2. Maybe work the cistern into the signage?
 - (b) There is no door for the public to get into [maybe 5 people have this key to the door], but people gather, read, eat lunch, hang out there; while waiting for the bus
 - (c) But like idea of partially funding this, with contingency added on proposals...so it won't be going over budget
 - (2) We put so much money in it already, we ought to make it better!
 - (3) If this could take off, replicable to other buildings would be interesting
 - (4) Generally feeling good about this....
 - (a) Want letter of support from facilities
 - (b) Seattle-UW property for signage
 - (c) Maybe cut out water gauge
- c) UW Farm Greenhouse—tentatively yes

- i) Really like idea of student involvement; possibility of selling more to HFS
 - (1) Sell to District Market
- ii) Lots of people are involved with the UW Farm, so could reach a lot of people
- iii) Liked in proposal, talked about holding weekly farm education seminars, and the physical Greenhouse would give a venue to use all year long
 - (1) Follows education component nicely
- iv) Liked response to questions, very thorough, especially with maintenance cost. If have, will come out of UW revenue
- v) Generally seem to have a lock down on contingency, planning things accordingly
- vi) Trying to remember difference between LOI and Proposal. Request went down!
- vii) Have asked us for money many times....
 - (1) But this is a different project, and is a relatively smaller ask than others
 - (2) We have a lot projects that are high costs, so this might be one we could talk about cutting down, or doing later
- d) SER-UW Restoration
 - i) Like this...but would be willing to cut down \$3000 for seminar series
 - (1) Might be worth it to cut down on budgt more
 - ii) \$2358 to EarthCorps...but had put such a big deal for getting student involvement
 - (1) AmeriCorp and Triple Seed team? More challenging to do, based on availability and timing.
 - (2) But worked with EarthCorps before, which is why chose them
 - (3) Should be other resources in town that would be willing to put together volunteers
 - (a) Maybe different because UW?
 - iii) Would be more comfortable less than \$10,000
 - (1) Price compared to few other options, so we know we are getting it for the best deal
 - iv) Our concerns initially was “why do you need to purchase equipment”
 - (1) Interesting discussion that they are currently borrowing, but want to purchase for this and future projects, so they wouldn’t have to be as much of a burden on the group they are borrowing from
 - (2) Said they had some wiggle room
 - (3) So if concerned about price, maybe cut?
 - (4) But then they can do more projects! Yay! Not restricted by when they can get tools, so \$800 is a good investment
 - v) Don’t see a purpose for this. Ecological restoration is good, but adding more to take out “nature”?
 - (1) Don’t know if it it will be used for this
 - (2) Bumped down to just restoration project?
 - (3) But already have Kincaid Ravine, and the other one to come in the Spring

- (a) Ok to fund restoration projects, because not in the same location
- (b) Would help benefit environmental health of campus overall
- (4) Like this one compared to the SEFS restoration, because more student involvement here than the SEFS one
- vi) Projects like this that are repeat ones, are not bad, but in comparison to other projects that are different and unique...they are not all that good
- vii) If we recall the categories that we should keep in mind, one is "innovation"
 - (1) Back to same project ideas, different locations
 - (2) Not nearly as powerful as it could be; some restorations could be better
- viii) Though we may not like the project, maybe get their tools for them?
- ix) To do?
 - (1) Get only tools?
 - (a) They have an area to put them
 - (b) Same place as where they are borrowing from
 - (c) Do they need gloves?**
 - (2) Pick a different group that is not as expensive as EarthCorps
 - (3) "Feasibility" study of would people really go there and sit?
 - (a) Go in shifts of a few hours each so that we know will people go there?
 - (b) Won't really know how people will use it until chairs are put in
 - (c) Survey: if there were chairs here, would you sit there?
 - (d) But then we have to have them do this...is this project even ready?
 - (e) Regardless of benches, would people get hit with tennis balls?
 - (4) What would you do if you only had \$7000?
 - (a) Or the "smallest project" they can
 - (5) What other restoration is there to do?
 - (a) Third of an acre spot, how much have they done?
- x) Would this be incorporated into Earth Day, just like last year?
 - (1) No!
 - (2) Definitely room for improvement
 - (a) So. Many. Tennis. Balls.
- 4) Ah no time! We will talk about Green Kidney next week because we don't have enough time! Motion to Adjourn: **APPROVED**

~Adjourn at 4:28 PM~