

Campus Sustainability Fund

Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday February 24, 2014 - 3:30pm - Husky Union Building 307

Agenda		
Time	Item	Presenter
3:30pm	Approve 2/20/14 Minutes	Elizabeth
3:30pm	Approve 2/24/14 Agenda	Elizabeth
3:31pm	Update: SAF Request	Elizabeth/Graham
3:34pm	Discuss UW Biodiesel	Committee
3:54pm	Vote on Projects	Committee
4:15pm	Discuss Small Project LOI, <i>Promoting Student Conservation</i>	Committee
4:29pm	Wrap Up, Next Week's Agenda, Adjourn	Elizabeth

- 1) 2/20/14 Minutes—**APPROVED**
- 2) 2/24/14 Agenda—**APPROVED**
- 3) Update: SAF Request
 - a) Budget Subcommittee talked about what our SAF request will be
 - b) **\$400,000**
 - i) Breaking down:
 - (1) To projects: 322,000
 - (2) To Large Projects: 24,000
 - (3) To operations: 54,000
 - ii) Ideally what we would ask for is what they would give us, but that number also factored in them giving us less, because they probably will
 - iii) Show how much the ask has been, not counting the next group
 - (1) LOIs – approx \$310K, Full Proposals – approx \$200K
 - c) Current allotment is \$333,605
 - i) Almost 20% increase, based on demand we have seen this year
 - 4) Discuss
 - a) UW Biodiesel
 - i) When we left, we were leaning yes
 - (1) Concerns about price, student involvement
 - ii) Long term impacts are great [if it works out]
 - iii) Would prefer this one compared to others....
 - iv) Time sensitive! Have been promised before, then kicked out, and now they finally have something!
 - (1) Things are lined up for them!
 - (2) Their location is beneficial for supplying vehicles with biodiesel

- v) Strings attached...many things that could be added and asked of us in the future
 - vi) Could pay for itself in the future
 - (1) From LOI, increased by \$4,682, so probably finalized some things
 - vii) Compared to other projects, where they can be stand-alone components [ie Greenwall and their water level, bird perches, etc], this is very much an interwoven thing—the parts make a whole
- 5) Vote on Projects!
- a) Biodiesel—**APPROVED**
 - b) UW Farm Greenhouse—**APPROVED**
 - i) Some thoughts....
 - (1) Importance of having an intern in the early stages?
 - (a) There was a farmer that said seedlings have to be under constant watch until they can stay by themselves...have to be under constant watch until they can stay by themselves
 - (i) If we need to cut them down a little bit, don't take intern!
 - 1. They also were vying for it, due to when we asked what they would cut, it was not the intern
 - (ii) Playing devil's advocate...if they need such things, it is not up to us to help them out
 - 1. Only going to have the intern for one year, so they better figure it out.
 - (iii) Intern, though, is only for getting Greenhouse up and running
 - 1. Facilitating volunteer tasks?
 - 2. Establish some sort of management
 - 3. As it is proposed now, fairly trusting of their prioritization of how important this intern is
 - 4. On operational level, if they have volunteers, does the intern really need 10 hours per week?
 - 5. If they are not just planting [should already have people and be willing to do so], then feel like they should be paid
 - 6. There are benefits that are required if someone is paid
 - (2) All wage requirements MUST BE met, as per University guidelines.
 - c) SER-UW Whitman Nature Walk: A Pathway Through Restoration—**APPROVED AT \$7000**
 - i) Reduce to \$7000, but use their alternative way of doing it
 - (a) WITHOUT speakers, food, EarthCorps
 - ii) Some more talk....
 - (1) Don't know how space would be used in the future
 - (a) Housing study going on up there, already been as well to look at the steeper part
 - (i) Will start in the next couple months
 - (ii) Don't know if will be fruitful or not
 - (iii) But Kristine Kenny said okay, and she is a part of the study

- (b) Potential to relocate tennis courts and put in housing there?
 - (i) Think of years and the investment, not necessarily if it will be around forever. Because nothing lasts forever.
- (c) Fact that they didn't have numbers right away regarding other groups to do the EarthCorps work, kind of shows they didn't look around, only decided EarthCorps.
- (d) Some of it is a little iffy.
 - (i) Could find some other people compared to EarthCorps, but would be okay with the \$7000
 - (ii) OR fund the current structure, but take out EarthCorps thing.
 - 1. And maybe another presentation about why EarthCorps, the longevity of the site, etc
- d) Greenwall—**APPROVED**
 - i) APPROVED AT THE DECREASED AMOUNT \$4330, contingent on letters from Grounds Management, and Landscape Advisory Committee
 - (1) Check with Jim about another letter?
 - ii) When they came back to us most recently, they decreased their value, which might be a small project
 - (1) Which means they are not in this area?
 - (2) But it is irrelevant, a small project is maximum \$1000 each
 - (a) NEVERMIND IT IS NOT A SMALL PROJECT
 - (b) NEXT RETREAT TALK ABOUT WORDING????
 - iii) Were iffy about approving it with their lack of letters of approvals
 - iv) Green Seed Fund money helps them a lot; they would be able to execute for what they said for this pot of money, but not from what they want with the CSF money [Graham's opinion]
- e) Green Liver Project—**NOT APPROVED**
- 6) Discuss Small Project LOI, *Promoting Student Conservation*—**NOT APPROVED**
 - a) This got submitted the 13th, though we are free to do whatever we want, they ought to have the money with 2 weeks
 - i) But when would they do it? At the end of the quarter, or the middle of the quarter is not feasible for making this work.
 - b) Lifespan of this system?
 - c) What exactly are they doing? Not really any interaction with students
 - d) Taking electronics and making it paper?.....
 - e) Basics are unclear to us
 - i) Need to define their work a little better
 - ii) Maybe get quotes from paper shops about how much 100 posters would cost
 - iii) No detailed timeline and budget
 - iv) Not opposed to this idea...but don't REALLY know what it is
 - v) What is a small awareness event?
 - vi) [How specific do they want their numbers to be? Seems like a half-thought...]
 - f) Don't feel comfortable funding because it is so vague
 - i) Budget breakdown

- ii) Itemized list
 - iii) Timeline
- g) AT RETREAT: TALK ABOUT SMALL PROJECTS AND WHAT WE WANT FROM THEM AND HOW WE SHOW IT IN OUR WEBSITE, ETC.
- 7) Adjourn
~4:33 PM~