

# Campus Sustainability Fund

## Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2014 – 3:30pm – Gerbending 143

Agenda		
Time	Item	Presenter
3:30pm	Approve 3/10/2014 Minutes	Elizabeth
3:30pm	Approve 3/17/2014 Minutes	Elizabeth
3:31pm	Discuss and Provide Feedback for LOIs	Committee
4:28pm	Wrap Up, Next Quarter's Meeting Time, Adjourn	Elizabeth

### Yesler Swamp Trek

- Proposal is from CSF Practicum course
- Students have strong connection with an outside group (Friends of Yesler Swamp)
- Union bay natural area might be underutilized on campus
- Legal fees part of the budget? (\$15,000) How do these fees play into the total budget? An entire project could be funded with this amount. Committee would like clarification about legal fees.
- Would like to see more details in the full proposal.
- Visual reference would be helpful in full proposal to show location of the Yesler Swamp
- Future projects should include some sort of map component to their proposals?

**Motion:** Approve 3/10 minutes – APPROVED

**Motion:** Approve 3/17 agenda – APPROVED

### Environmentors

- Not a very strong link to long term sustainability – good for individuals, but how does this make the CAMPUS more sustainable?
- Pilot project could be a model for other offices.
- There are offices on campus that are interested in funding some sort of program, but aren't willing to do it first and get their feet wet. This could be something PMs could try out and eventually get it institutionalized
- Question: How many students will this ultimately impact? Sounds relatively small scale. But it could act as a basis for other similar programs

- Not clear in LOI: is it 1 mentor with 1 student? How many students would each mentor be working with?
- Project could incorporate CSF projects with mentors
- Is there staff/faculty support? If they are CSF project managers, then they will already have staff/faculty support.
- Can some of the mentors be grad students?? Can be it expanded to beyond undergraduates? Extending mentorship to sophomores too! What is the best way for freshman to get involved? How do freshman get their information? Residence hall have brochure programs.
- By the time sophomores know about sustainability efforts, they will be uneligible for the EnvironMentors programs.
- Project sounds like it has promising aspects to it.

#### We Are What We Eat

- LOI has a lot of errors, proofreading mistakes
- Not impressed with the way they proposed it
- What are these budget items being used for? Please specify.
- Is there a demand for this app? How will this be communicated to people? Feasibility study for this app? If you don't have a smart phone, then you can't use this.
- Is this project too broad/vague?
- How will this app maintain itself? Keep up with changing restaurants?

#### UW Farm Irrigation

- They came back! UW Farm came back together to come up with a more creative and a cheaper design. Reapplication shows that they really want this irrigation system.
- We didn't pass this last time because we wanted to pick one or the other.
- We are glad they came back with better details.
- Student involvement looks good.
- A lot of CSF money is tied up in UW Farm. But if they are proposing good projects...
- Location of project is appealing -- mercer court. Has potential to reach a different group of students.
- Violate bylaws that the same organization has come back for more money. Why haven't they diversified their funding sources? This will be the third time they've come back. We are not supposed to keep funding the same group over and over again.
- We just funded them for the greenhouse, we want to see them take care of one project at a time.

- Can you show that you have a separate group working on this? Is this too much to take on with the UW Farm Greenhouse?
- Is there a different goal besides increasing food yields from your projects?
- Do we know that they are trying to find funds from other projects?

Assessing CSF benefits

- Very valuable project, can be reworked into making this more appropriate for the CSF
- We need to start doing self evaluations or metrics
- Small projects funds has capacity to fund this right now.
- Can we make this more of a “project” than an internal process
- Get creative!

Motion: To approve SEFS restoration LOI – APPROVED

Motion: To approve Pollination Pavillion LOI -- APPROVED

Motion: smart citizen – APPROVED

Motion: Assessing CSF from LOI to FULL PROPOSAL – APPROVED (small projects to normal proposal)

Motion: Yesler Swamp – APPROVED

Motion: EnvironMentors – APPROVED

Motion: We are what we eat – NOT APPROVED

Motion: UW Farm Irrigation – NOT APPROVED

--Meeting Adjourned--