

Campus Sustainability Fund Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2015 – 4:00 to 5:00 PM – *Gerberding 142*

Attendees
CSF Committee: Graham Golbuff, An Huynh, Kayla Schick, Colin Butler, Erin Sofinowski, Carolyn Hartman, Natalie Gray, Connor Birkeland
Guests: Jan Whittington, Student Guests

Agenda		
Time	Item	Presenter
1 min 4:00-4:01 PM	Approve 2/13/15 Minutes Approve 2/20/15 Agenda	Kayla
58 min 4:01-4:59 PM	Discuss and Vote on Full Project Proposals	Committee
1 min 4:59-5:00 PM	Reminders, Wrap up, and Adjourn	Kayla

Meeting Summary: The UW Campus Sustainability Fund used their meeting on February 20th, 2015 to discuss the rest of the final project proposals and make a final vote for project funding, round 1. As a result, Manastash Ridge Observatory, Kincaid Ravine Signs & Benches (with possible College of the Environment support), Kincaid Ravine Bioswale Assessment, Rainwater System for More Hall and ReThink Resilience Challenge were approved for funding. UW Farm Lighting was approved for partial funding. UW Campus Wood Salvage Program was denied funding but permitted to move straight to Full Proposal in future rounds. Marine Aquaculture was denied funding.

– COMMENCE MEETING –

Motion: Approve February 13th, 2015 Minutes (Kayla) – APPROVED

Motion: Approve February 20th, 2015 Agenda (Kayla) – APPROVED

Discuss and Vote of Full Project Proposals – Committee

Discussion: Sustainable Lighting for the UW Farm

- Connor: Budget is off by \$2,000 !
 - o Chris: On for total, but off in feasibility section.
- Chris: Unclear if desired by UW Farm. No significant letter of support. Pre-selected vendor. Tangible donation.
 - o Natalie: UW Farm is for students; they should welcome this idea; we just need better confirmation of that.
- Erin: I visited the site. They don't have electricity in yet.
- Natalie: I like that the company is run by UW alumni.
 - o Chris: They should donate materials for a feasibility study.
 - o Kayla: Interesting to consider partial funding for donation option.
- Connor/Kayla/Chris: Research-y? They do know that the lights out there are better quality.
 - o Colin: Do the lights provide enough for plant production?
 - o Graham: Research has been defined as publishable work, not just product research.
- Connor: This will be a public good for the Farm.
- Chris: Would it be a waste of funds to test against something that we know already works?
 - o Carolyn: Finding out best investment!
- Erin: Just fund the first sequence, look at more than one option.

Discussion: Rainwater System for More Hall Construction Materials

- Connor: Perfect Return on Investment Project. Why did they not include it?
 - o Committee: Can we actually monetize rainwater?
 - o Jan: Not likely. Hard to say whom the payback would come from.
- Chris: I like that this can be an example project for the campus and city!
- Colin: Is water purchased by the University of Washington, or by departments?
 - o Jan: Good question.
- Committee: Project demonstrates what we want the University to be able to demonstrate.
 - o Kayla: The Department of Health (DoH) is excited to see how this goes!
- Kayla: Needs good outreach for behavior change.
 - o Natalie: It's worth funding even if we can't see it from the street. Great impact and other outreach make this project strong.
- Colin: Permitting for cistern on top of the building?

- Jan: This project will be under greater scrutiny from DoH, which is a good thing!
- Committee: Cannot partially fund this project! Needs to be wholly funded!

Discussion: UW Wood Salvage Program

- Kayla: Student involvement doesn't have very good marks.
 - o Colin: Willing to be available for student projects, but will not outreach to students.
 - o Chris: Show demand!
 - o Natalie: They didn't take the opportunity to talk about how they'll get students involved, but that can be improved with our suggestions.
 - o Jan: They didn't contact the folks that teach the courses. Could lead to a fee reduction.
 - o Erin: Student involvement sounds like more of an afterthought. They need to prioritize it!
- Connor/Jan: What about the savings/dollar value?
- Committee: Make the connection with classes! We love the project, but it could be put together better!
 - o Kayla: Pass project with memorandum of understanding that CSF can have free access.
 - o Chris: Students have discounted access?
 - o Jan: Specify a cost?
- Graham: As the ones with money, we have the power to say "take it or leave it".

Project Voting

- Update: Educational Signage + Benches will potentially be funded by the College of the Environment on behalf of the Class of 2015.
- *Popcorn-style discussion regarding overview of committee opinion. Continue to motions.*

Motion: Approve Manastash Ridge, Kincaid Benches (with College of the Environment Stipulation), Kincaid Bioswale, Rainwater Recapture System, AND ReThink Event – APPROVED

Motion: UW Farm Lighting: Fund Phase 1 (\$3,818) – APPROVED (6 in favor, 1 against)

Motion: Deny funding to UW Aquaculture Project – FAILED

- *Discussion regarding committee requirements for projects and potential conflict of interest.*

Motion: Deny funding to UW Aquaculture Project – APPROVED (4 in favor, 3 Abstaining)

Motion: Suggest Wood Salvage Project reaches out to different departments; CSF sends proposed revisions, requiring an illustrated demand for project and student benefit; Can go straight to full proposal in next round – APPROVED

Reminders and Wrap-Up – Kayla

- Fill out doodle poll for next quarter!
- Congratulations to An for a great Sustainability Brainstorm session!

Motion: Adjourn meeting (Colin) – APPROVED

– ADJOURN MEETING –