

Aimee: Meeting Minutes from last meeting approved

Updates on Grant fund workshop.

Vertical Garden Update, not sure if the class will make the Fall semester, but will most likely apply in Spring 2024

Current Hub hours are 8:30am- 4:00pm, may move it to 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Elizabeth: Has there been concern with the loss of the coordinator position in the Hub?

Aimee: The concern is where the money is coming from for the coordinator position.

Elizabeth: Either way the current position puts us at an overall loss

Aimee: The coordinator position would cost around \$50,000.

Elizabeth: In the past the coordinator salaries came out of the Green Fee.

Elizabeth: Possibly a fellow could be chosen

Aimee: We need that pillar of support, thank you for beginning that up.

Aimee: One of our staff members is going to volunteer in the dining hall with the ink and toner program

A once a month newsletter will be going out to various list serves.

Hub Programs -

Ink & Toner Program - I am going to encourage people to be their own stewards and recycle on their own, but the Hub will assist with recycling services as well.

We are going to continue to do outreach, and assist with educating events.

The Green Tours are on hold but are in mind. Others are interested in well but some sites need updating.

Does anyone want to know about it?

Khatami: I would like to know more about it.

Aimee: These are areas that have been funded by the Green Fund in the past and guests are taken to areas such as the vertical garden on campus etc.

This may be a by request only tour. Also the GEM- electric vehicles may be used or purchased for these as well, but will be discussed in a further meeting.

Elizabeth: This was created and we have meetings in our focus groups. Students were involved in this initiative as well.

Aimee: Would these working groups work on their own and report back to the main office to provide feedback?

Elizabeth: A Lot of people would talk to the Sustainability commission of the city and it helped facilitate conversation with other areas of interest. It helped identify sustainability champions.

Aimee: This sounds very important and key. I'm going to work on that

Elizabeth: I am going to look back on notes from the past.

Aimee: That would be great. That ties into some coffee chats that we are going to do that the Hub

I asked Jim in housing about eco reps. It is a living, learning community. We should plan for October.

I am excited about that and it could grow into something much bigger.

Marsden: I can help with that

Aimee: I talked to student engagement and we are beginning back ambassador awards. The students will be recognized, obtain hours and receive a plaque.

Neely Hall we will be helping on the 17th and the 18th at Thompson Point to assist with the move in.

Biodegradable balloons will have the potential of composting from the Chancellor's Welcome. That is on August 20th.

The graduate school invited us to do NSO for them and discuss volunteering opportunities.

Dawgs Night Out 7pm-10pm - Meet up in the Hub and discuss what students can do to promote recycling and sustainability. We are going to do a mural from thin cycle art- using recycled products.

Any Questions about welcome week or Saluki Start up?

Elizabeth- Why do we have to keep the Hub open?

Aimee- Thanks for bringing this up.

Mardsen- I know they have a relaxing room within the rec center, possibly something else in the sustainability office to make something to draw people into the Sustainability Hub,

Aimee- Let me know if you have other ideas, Send me an email. This helps me translation into workshops. We will be doing this once a month, possibly holiday related and other energy type workshops.

We also want to start doing once a month chats, possibly on Fridays. 11am-1pm These will be sent out on the list serve as well.

Maybe I can tie in the working groups with this. Let me know if anyone can help with this.

Football Tailgate is a high impact event and 5- games. Lets get established first.

Elizabeth- This would be a huge commitment for the committee

Mardsen- I agree this would be better next year when we have more time to complete the task.

Elizabeth- I know that it diverts a lot from the landfill but resource wise I don't know how we manage it.

Kevin- Aimee, thanks for all the work you are doing but we are doing a lot with just a little. I know you can pull the numbers for a coordinator and if we can raise some finds for that position.

Aimee- Thank you for your input. Any one else? Thanks Kevin. Do you want me to pull those numbers and send them to the whole council.

Kevin- Yeah, lets figure out the cost of this.

Elizabeth- Managing 4 graduate students is no easy task.

Aimee- Thanks for everyone for being aware of everything.

Elizabeth- I'm not sure if it is a sustainability office commitment. Every other department has a regular office to work out of.

Aimee- While we are on the topic, there is the scheduling office upstairs but was told no on occupying that pace. The Hub provides a lot of visibility.

I have been invited to be part of the clean building event in partner with some non profits in Carbondale. Event 4:30-7:00PM ON How to convert to cleaner energy.

We will post all events on the calendar. I'd like to kick off with a film about climate anxiety as well as United Nations day etc. The students can see all of these programs on the calendar.

November is full of big events. The social pillar is very important, and we need to address the issues regarding it. Learning about healthy accessible food and will have a keynote speaker the week of November 11th-15th (We will be involved 13-15th)

The 15th is also recycling day. Anyone who can come by can have food in town square and we can give out as much as possible to feed the community. That evening we will have the Keynote Speaker in the student center ballroom and discuss homelessness and hunger followed by a social. I wanted to get budget approvals and see what the council thinks.

I wanted to have any input in the budget.

Elizabeth- We should have had a vote on the previous keynote speaker and were not able to see her because of the rush for the speaker.

Aimee- This is new to me, so I have heard before that large name speakers have had low turnouts before. I know there are other expenses that come up as well.

Elizabeth- We have lecture series in the honors program and look for up and coming speakers before they are really expensive notable speakers

Aimee- Anything else

Kris- In my experience 18,000 is not too much, I've known others to pay more to have less show up. It does happen, over the years I have seen it.

Kevin- Maybe other departments can share the costs for speakers in the future

Aimee- Yeah collaborations are possible. I will look into this, that is a very valid point. Okay

Moving forward do you approve the event or anything else you need from me to make a decision.

Elizabeth- What is the history of the office or the past budget?

Aimee- It has been around \$73,000 I am going to ask for \$90,000 to include GA salaries

Elizabeth- I don't think we have spent money on speakers in the past and I'm worried about the president being set.

Aimee- Moving forward maybe we should work better at planning. I know there was focusing on onboarding GAs and we can have more of a forward plan to approve the budget.

I will send an email for voting for this event and we will need feedback by Wednesday August 16th.

Kris- You may be able to get other student organizations to help, possibly SBC. I think with it being so close to getting things to solidify. We don't want to be in a position with nothing with programming from the fall. Those 2 organizations may have some left over money to help with open and campus wide free events.

Aimee- Okay we will have our vote by next Wednesday.

Kevin- Would you mind if we sat down to look at the budget and discuss where we can get some of the funds.

Aimee- We can meet on Friday

Elizabeth- I agree 100% with Kriss, we could find other areas to receive funds for these programs. We may need a limit for speakers for these events.

Aimee- Moving on to the fiscal update. There is a lot of detail in the report I know. I could possibly break it down in a excel file in the future. I am asking for 90,000 from the green fee. Do we want to wait until the November event is decided on or do we want to vote on the budget now?

This includes operational costs, GA salaries, Etc. We need approval from the council to move the money over so we can spend what we need to for events.

Khatami- So if this does include expenses we can decide this next Wednesday as well.

Aimee- Is there a motion ?

Khatami- Yes

Elizabeth - Seconded

Aimee- I will get the information to the council. We don't have all the time to vote for roles and responsibilities. We have a motion to add Dr. Shin to our council and now we have a full council.

Since we are running out of time we can table our last items for our next meeting. I will add the other items to the next meeting agenda.

The council will meet at least once a month or twice a semester.