

SIU Sustainability Council – Notes of meeting 11.19.2013

Present: Kris Schachel, Eric Wilber, Jill Johnson, Corne Prozesky, Makayla Bonney (proxy for Deb Sarvela), Leslie Duram, Andrea Stegeman and Tim Schots (proxy for Craig Anz), Drew Foxx, Janet Donoghue

Called to order at 3:00. Eric explains proxy attendees and that official vote will be done later this week via email.

Leslie made motion to approve agenda, Corne seconded; approved.  
Oct 22 minutes – Leslie made motion to approve, Jill 2nds; approved.

Eric explained that Green Fund timeline was changed, but progress being made. The report to the Chancellor was submitted and is available online at Sustainability website. Good work, everyone!

A brief update of past Green Fund projects and their status was discussed. The idea of a 'Green Fund at Five' report would be better for fall 2014 rather than spring (report preparation fatigue).  
For Travel Awards, \$5,750 was distributed in fall 2013.

Planning for spring 2014: Once STARS is finished, it would be useful to conduct some strategic planning (informed by STARS findings) about what short-, medium-, and long-term plans the Council can move forward with.

Kris gave her report on activities of the Sustainability Office and Team.

The prior consideration given to spring 2014 Green Funding being specifically oriented toward renewable energy was withdrawn – instead our press release language will include emphasis that the Council/Committee is encouraging those types of proposals.

Eric advises keeping spring/summer 2014 Travel Awards at \$7000. Makayla thinks it would be great to account for the environmental costs of travel – add an offset, maybe? Corne asks about maybe setting aside money for advertising this opportunity. It would also help with management of this opportunity to add that at least three weeks advanced notice is required before travel funding is needed. Important to consider the logistics of reimbursement [travel voucher, etc]. Makayla made a motion to vote on Travel Funds by email in the coming week, Corne seconded; approved.

Eric reviewed Green Fund Committee discussion and decision on round 9 funding awards – totaling \$118,616. The Josh Fox proposal was still under consideration, and GF committee members were asked to remain after Council meeting to finalize. Makayla made a motion to have full Council officially approve Green Fund round 9 via email in the coming week, Leslie seconded; approved.

Makayla reported that Judy Marshall is starting a sustainable procurement working group to explore what possibilities there are for campus to green our institutional purchasing.

Janet reported that she's working on a way to highlight green jobs, emphasizing SIU alumni – so if you know of graduates that would be good to include, PLEASE email her (jdonoghue@siu.edu).

Adjourned at 4:26