

Sustainability Council
Notes of the meeting 9.24.2013

Present: Eric Wilber, Kris Schachel, Deb Sarvela, Drew Foxx, Craig Anz, Amber Bratsch (proxy for Corne), Leslie Duram, Janet Donoghue, and from Phi Beta Sigma Damien Martin and Byron Hancock

Called to order at 3:06 pm.

Craig made motion to approve agenda, Leslie seconded; motion carried.

Drew noted one correction for the August minutes – he was present but not included; Kris will correct that. Leslie made motion to approve the minutes with that correction, Craig seconded; motion carried.

Eric proceeded with Chair's report. Due to the transition of SIU Sustainability from VCAF to Auxiliaries, he's been working with Lorrie Lefler on Green Fund accounting 'housekeeping.' Quite a few Spring 2012 projects were closed out, and the account has been reconciled. With approximately \$200,000 balance, the Green Fund committee will probably award \$150,000 in Round 9 this fall – pending quantity and quality of proposals received.

On the project to capture final reports: good news is that it's almost done! Of some 85 past funded projects, currently only missing 9 final reports, and of those only 4 have been zero-response. We're getting **really** good data; for example, the Elkay hydration stations at the Rec Center have saved equivalent of 215,000 water bottles – and that's not including the one outside the weight room that doesn't have a tally counter!

Eric emailed an outline of the annual report to the Chancellor; thanks to those who attended that discussion meeting. The goal is to roll that out as a further media piece on Campus Sustainability Day, and also have it on our website and share with constituent groups. Quite a bit of content has been added to Sustainability website, including a 'Student Funding Opportunities' page. Please take a look and offer additional ideas for improvement.

Damien and Byron from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity explained that next year is their fraternity's 100 year anniversary, and the nationwide focus is on 'Going Green,' so they are looking to build relationships with existing campus sustainability proponents. They mentioned some project ideas and opportunities for partnership were discussed. In particular, Phi Beta Sigma Week is Oct. 20-26 (CSD is Oct. 23!).

Kris reported that the team was settling in nicely to the new office space in the Student Center. Two old-ish laptop computers have been transferred from the Law School and are being used in the 'service window' for the Sustainability Pledge on a daily basis (although on days with large events in the solicitation area, we do keep the window closed for a bit of sound barrier). She will be meeting with Don Castle of SPC tomorrow (Weds.) to discuss plans for Campus Sustainability Day, October 23. One particular idea so far is to move the 'Green Fair' from its previous location in the Roman Room to the south end Art Gallery and spotlight the new Sustainability Office location.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Cmte: Eric reported that for Fall 2013 6 Travel Award applications were received, totaling \$5200 (about 75% of the \$7000). He will let full Council know when Awards are issued, and Kris will arrange for a press release.

Green Fund: Timeline will be deadline of Oct. 23 (midnight), allow 2-3 weeks for committee consideration. Hope to present recommendation for Awards at November Council meeting, and announce following Thanksgiving (Dec. 2/3). Rather than a full workshop as has been arranged in the past, Kris will arrange for a Q&A help session for proposals at the Sustainability Office on Friday, Oct. 4. As a matter of policy, henceforth before final reimbursement is issued, Council (& Lorrie Lefler) will require at least an interim/draft final report on all projects.

Assessment: Kris reported that Roy is working on a 1-2 page summary of STARS for our annual report.

Curriculum: Craig (& Steve) are both on another committee to implement 'Design Across the Curriculum.' This intersects with sustainability in several ways; he explained that Architecture is working toward energy modeling, and participating in a downtown design center with Carbondale Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding ideas that originate from Council members, it was discussed whether to treat those the same or differently than other Green Fund projects. Kris proposed following the same documentation requirements, but being flexible with deadlines, quoting Article 2, Section 1 of the operating papers: "Expenditures may be proposed and revisited on an ongoing basis."

Eric reported that Amy McMorrow-Hunter, with the Tech Transfer program, would like to partner with Sustainability for a film screening of the documentary "Switch" – but definitely not to happen before their Technology & Innovation Expo on Oct. 25.

Deb shared a flyer about the Jackson County Nov. 2 'Paint, Meds, Shred and More Collection.'

Drew reminded Council of the Sustain 2 art exhibit, a Green Fund project, is coming up Sept. 27 & 28.

Craig, who also serves on the City Planning Commission, spoke about the issue of the Brightfields proposal for a solar 'farm' at the old Koppers site.

Adjourned at 4:40 pm.