

SIUC Sustainability Council
Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 4th, 2015

Agenda

1. Call to Order
Start at 3:12 P.M.
Absent: Vicki

2. Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)—Vote to approve
 - a. September 16, 2015
 - i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/118dly-Nky6S_hijY3XN47jEieblc_hQXHavr7n-ctRM/edit?usp=drive_web
Leslie moves to approve minutes. Unanimous.
 - b. October 21, 2015
 - i. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ogU4TD9kcDH2fBVfzAjfgh8aJoe84Oi3_t7qNU5x2U/edit
Deb moves to approve minutes. Unanimous.
Duration: 1 minute

3. Operating Papers (30 minutes)—Approval of edits
 - a. Edits of articles 1-3
Cami & Geory edited title, added “Updated Fall 2015”
Geory: As a group, everyone can decide to edit part of papers. 7 out of 9 majority vote to wait for final vote.
Cami: Final vote Nov. 18.
Leslie moves to open operating paper edits. Unanimous.
Changes to Article 2 intro accepted.
In regards to question on Operational Budget, Geory **submits a** budget in spring, but work with it as things change in the following year.
Changes to Article 2 Sub-section A accepted.
Changes to Article 2 Sub-section B accepted.
Changes to Article 2 Section 2 accepted.
Discuss Article 2 Section 3 before changing.
Changes to Article 2 Section 4 accepted.
Changes to Article 3 Section 1 accepted.
Changes to Article 3 Section 2 accepted.
Changes to Article 3 Section 3 accepted.
Changes to Article 3 Section 4 accepted.
Duration: 29 minutes
Discussing Articles
Leslie: Sustainability in higher education **literature** is strictly fiscal, does not have environmental aspect.
Geory: Should have a document that grows with the Sustainability Council.

Geory: Ex-officio members of boards & committees have exactly the same rights & privileges as do all other members. Can Coordinator vote as Chair or does that throw off balance? Could also end with a 5-5 tie.

Karen: The Chair would not vote unless there is a tie. Geory just the Chair. Does not need to be both.

In the event of an absence or lack of member, Chair would be needed to vote in case of a tie.

Karen: What is the Executive Committee? Is it needed?

Deb: Took out all committees aside from Green Fund.

JD: Committees were needed before Geory.

Karen: Is it necessary due to size of the Council.

Deb: Group email would suffice.

Council Foundation Account?

No previous Green Fund financial status report.

Karen: A year-end report should cover everything.

Deb: Reports should be simple & easy.

Cami: Green Fund-specific project report separate from year-end report.

Leslie: Council should not prepare report. Responsibility falls to Sustainability Coordinator.

Year-end report presented to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs & posted online.

Deb: Plan was Coordinator should seek own funding (before Coordinator was here)

Article 2 Section 2 – Other Revenue was to find funding without using the Green Fund. **Deleted**

Geory: What as a Council should we focus on?

Karen: Council serves as advisory group to Office, not Chancellor.

Geory: AASHE stars can take a long time to process. Geory heard at the conference that it has taken some universities anywhere from 3 months (with the help of a 3rd party consultant) to 3 years. Our rating will expire in November 2016.

Geory: Council will consist of 9 *elected* members.

Leslie: Should we limit it to a two-year term for students?

Changed to possibility of renewed terms

Leslie moves to approve all edits of Articles 1-3. Unanimous.

Deb: Council should have only one committee, the Green Fund Committee. Other committees shall be formed by Council on an as needed basis.

Duration: 40 minutes

4. Workshop dates(10 minutes) – Council Review for conflicts
Cami & Geory decided to have two optional, but two mandatory dates for Green Fund recipients.

Geory: Lots of issues of administrating Green Fund projects.

- a. Optional workshop dates
 - i. January 25 at 12:00pm & February 16 5:00pm
- b. Mandatory workshop date
 - i. May 3 at Noon or May 6 at 10am

Leslie: Last week before finals, students would be busy.

Mandatory Workshops moved to Tuesday April 26th OR Friday April 29th.

Duration: 4 minutes

5. Update Student Council Member and Faculty (10 min)—Updating council on happenings
 - a. Announcement
 - i. Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council
 - ii. SIU Today announcement
 - iii. Other avenues include relevant listservs, social media, and website
 - iv. Any other suggestions?

Leslie can post to Ecoserve to spread more awareness.

Duration: 4 minutes

6. Transition into Chair (5 min)—Update about Coordinator becoming chair
 - a. Transition to occur with operating papers on January 1

Duration: 1 minute

7. Sustainability Office Update (10 minutes)

Third film, More Than Honey, was last night, 11-3. 25 people arrived.

26% per person increase of recycling at tailgating since first home game. Looking at opportunities to improve for next year.

Introduced idea of zero-waste at Touch of Nature Student Affairs event. Students will be introduced to zero-waste at the next Dawgs Nite Out.

Composting facility is having final audit next week.

First food waste audit in housing. Gathered data. Raised awareness of students. Scales are coming to dining halls so we can collect data on food waste.

AASHE conference went great.

Duration: 5 minutes.

8. Other Business?

9. Adjourn- Next Meeting November 18, Morris 754, 3pm

Karen moves to Adjourn. Unanimous. 4:25 P.M.

Duration: 1 hour 13 minutes.