

SIUC Sustainability Council
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2017

1. Call to Order – 10:07 start, Geory call to order.
2. Attendance
 - a. Present: Leslie Duram, Jerrica Jordan, Karen Stallman, Debra Sarvela, Tao Huang, Shannon McDonald, Sally Wright, Amanda Marshall, Geory Kurtzhals
 - b. Absent: Alyssa Kolenda
3. Approval of Minutes: 1/19 meeting
 - a. No questions on last month's minutes. Moved to pass minutes – Tao seconds, motion passes, minutes approved
4. Green Fee account (Geory)
 - a. Balance update: \$216,957.93.2 of the \$212,266.50 (budgeted) GF dollars have come in. \$60,768.78 is un-allocated. (This is unchanged from last meeting, as the January reconciliation is not yet complete.)
 - i. No reconciliation since last meeting – Geory should receive around the 11th
 - ii. No budget adjustments, no questions
 - b. GF budget adjustments under \$2500 – none
 - c. GF budget adjustments over \$2500 – none
5. Green Fund Committee report (Green Fund Committee Chair: Amanda Marshall)
 - a. Share updates – Spring 2016 projects – one project received some payment (3D printing); Amanda will be emailing them within the week to remind them that their final project reports are due in April. GFC will be meeting on Monday. Have received one proposal from Student Center. Amanda will send everyone a link to the folder.
 - b. Review open Green Fund Projects list – changes from last meeting
 - c. Final reports received – 1 incomplete report (GK to comment on this.)
 - d. Extension requests – none received
 - e. Other requests – none received
 - f. Green Fund workshops (GK)
 - i. 1 complete, 1 on Monday
 1. 8 people attended yesterday's GF workshop, lots of good questions – a group from Health services attended, others
 - ii. Proposed dates/times for mandatory workshop: 4/26: noon; 5/11: 10 am
 1. The next GF workshop is also on Monday, separate from GF Committee meeting
 2. Mandatory workshop times – unless there's an issue with one of those dates, will go ahead and solidify these dates
 3. If there are any questions about the meeting times, can find them on the sustainability website, under the main Green Fund section of the website – those dates for the mandatory workshops will also be updated on there
6. STARS update
 - a. STARS submission status (one credit open)
 - i. The Investment Disclosure credit is only one left open. Need detailed information shared on both our investments to received full credit. As looking for more detail – found opportunity with AASHE to submit report.

- ii. Pushing transparency on investment disclosure a fantastic example of STARS helping to move Sustainability forward
- iii. Leslie – think about what our investments support – divesting from South Africa ended Apartheid
- iv. Should have final report by next meeting
- b. Status of Council feedback activity: recommendations for Chancellor
 - i. Select committee to follow-up on this (goal is to complete recommendations by end of semester)
 - ii. Feedback from groups on STARS report – received from 7 of 9
 - iii. Sally – looked at it and realized wasn't sure what to do
 - iv. Several other members agreed not sure what to add, not familiar enough with the item areas to make recommendations
 - v. Some pointed out broken website links to fix (Jerrica, Shannon)
 - 1. This is due to the recent template transitions on websites and that the STARS entry is now locked. Geory is communicating with AASHE about this.
 - vi. Next steps for this is that Sustainability team members will put together feedback from this review, form a sub-committee from Council, and present recommendations to Chancellor
 - 1. We've moved from a low Silver status to high Silver; believe we can reach Gold if we continue with current momentum. Chancellor is very interested, so there is an opportunity for our comments to make a difference
 - 2. Jerrica – how long will this committee be meeting?
 - 3. Geory – envision it being completed by end of semester
 - a. Jerrica, Shannon volunteering to be on committee – Deb also volunteers as third committee member
 - b. Will ask also for a chair of committee- Jerrica will chair this committee
 - 4. Karen – what will we be including in this information?
 - a. Geory – there are other pieces, too, that we might have ideas or thoughts that we think make sense to be working on. We can think about how to include those in our recommendations and how to prioritize them ('wishlist' items that make sense from a strategic perspective). If Council members think of any of these items can send them now to be included in thinking about.
 - 5. Committee formed: Jerrica (chair), Shannon, Deb
 - 6. Julia Sanabria will be sending the compiled recommendations

7. Open business

- a. White paper update (Tao) – Tao asks for deadline to motivate her. Feb. 20th will be deadline.
- b. Carbondale Sustainability Commission opening; looking for SIU student. Any suggestions?
 - i. This is a one year role – actively asking for Sustainability Council support in reaching out to find this student. It's been vacant for a while – nothing about when the year would start, may be flexible.
 - 1. Shannon thinking of asking Shelby to step in – Leslie agrees Shelby would be good.
 - 2. ci.carbondale.il.us/node/60 – hasn't been updated
 - ii. Those interested should contact: sustainability@ci.carbondale.il.us.
 - iii. They meet once a month with occasional additional working meetings.
- c. New awards [RSO and Fraternity/Sorority Life, Others? (Green Laboratory initiative)] (Sally, Allyssa)
 - i. Sally – Allyssa found some websites for more of the fraternity/sorority life – North Carolina State; University of Georgia
 - 1. Have just scratched surface

- ii. Sally has found: Georgetown, Central Michigan, Emory, University of Oregon – good sources for campus life; looking more closely at those
- iii. Shannon – Shelby will be teaching a LEED preparation class free of charge for anyone interested in taking first step, the Green Associate exam – through the AIAS. Is that what you're looking for – to create awards for groups doing sustainable activities?
 - 1. Sally – looking at opportunities that would lead to awards
 - 2. Geory – that (Shelby's class) is a good example of something that would be eligible to receive an award
 - 3. Think that looking at examples of what other universities are doing to give us examples of how to leverage awards, encourage groups with ideas
 - a. Ex: a campus with Scotty dog mascot – Scotty Goes Green – designed as voluntary self-guided program for students to determine their level of green student living – designed to inspire green student living on campus.
 - b. Another example – all sororities have a Green Chair – who are responsible for reporting, organizing green initiatives for sororities (collect gently used bras, 'trashin' fashion' fashion show open to public)
 - 4. Share ideas/thoughts for awards with Sally – timeline is to have these started next year
- d. Sustainability video update (Allyssa and Lilianna Lichner)
 - i. Geory hands out copy of script for end of meeting. Lilianna should come around 10:30 to discuss progress on video
 - ii. Lilianna here, working with Allyssa on the video – working on the script
 - 1. Basically complete redid the previous script based on previous Council comments
 - 2. Speaker Two is currently listed twice – can change to add an additional speaker, flexible on who will be interviewed
 - a. Looking to council for ideas on who to interview
 - 3. Items 2, 3, and 4 will be where the different speakers are interviewed – will ask what we (Sustainability) wants asked
 - 4. Lilianna will only present the responses that make the most sense – not all responses
 - 5. Council chance to read script and give feedback:
 - a. Lilianna thinks it would be good to have students interviewed
 - b. Karen – thinks Paul Restivo would be good; also Geory would be good
 - c. Students: people in the sustainability office?
 - i. Geory – for Green Fund, should do a student who has been funded.
 - ii. Architecture students on breast feeding station – lactation station – not necessarily to focus on the project, but the students who were part of the project – Chad Schwartz could put in touch with students
 - iii. Greg who formerly worked in Sustainability office – works closely with bikes and theater (tablets)
 - iv. MCM student filmmakers – one of individuals very responsible and well-spoken and good advisor – Antonio Martinez
 - v. Engineering department – huge grant – energy scholars – links with sustainability, but not directly connected - students themselves may be good (Shannon)
 - d. Karen Midden would be good, too – so many projects in Agriculture – green wall, roof, etc.
 - 6. The questions are good (general agreement)
 - a. Will you be asking the questions on the film

- b. Liliana – the goal is for me to ask the questions in a way that the interviewees are restating the questions in their statement, so that it all strings together as a coherent conversation
- 7. Back to Green Fund projects – Chef Bill – dining
- 8. Shannon – students who are cleaning offices at night
- 9. Jerrica – another good opportunity is they are looking for student volunteers to work on cleaning Campus Lake this week
- 10. Jerrica – also, would it be too political to discuss the need for more funding, more attention to sustainability
 - a. Geory – like what you’re saying, but want this video to stand alone for a long time – that might be a separate thing
 - b. Some students came here because of this –
 - c. Shannon – one thing – a lot of students are involved in programs that deal with sustainability, but the word itself is not used – maybe bring attention to that
- 11. Identify people from Council: Jerrica and Alyssa, Leslie, Geory – can take care of any missing information
- 12. Are the students who started the Green Fee around? They’ve graduated and gone
 - a. Would be cool to have them involved – screen record their interview
- 13. Tao – concerned the script is very clear but maybe want to be more entertaining
 - a. Liliana – goal to have done before Spring Break
 - b. Ideally under 3 minutes – to maximize impact
 - c. Clarify goal – is it to talk to the community, present very straightforward information; or, is it to be like – hey, this is neat – would use the same information/same pool of data – but present it differently
 - i. In future could even cut it down into a 30 sec. call to action/outreach thing
 - ii. This is a very good structure to go on, building good database for Sustainability use
- 14. Liliana – will have them fill out a waiver for future use – aware this isn’t the only film they may be featured in to reuse later
- 15. Geory – Tao you mentioned two paths, do we need to determine that now?
 - a. No, you can edit it later on when decide which path (informational – might have multiple 30 secs piece about what each thing is)
- 16. Liliana – get names by end of month to record interviews in March and have rough footage to have a video done by end of Spring Break
- 17. Tao will be go-to person on Council (in addition to Geory) for feedback/questions
- iii. Find person who did the Talloires Agreement – showcase that SIU was doing it before anybody else in Illinois – highlight SIU’s uniqueness

8. Sustainability Office updates (if time permits) – no time

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to close (Tao) and seconded, all agree and passes – meeting adjourned at 11:03am.

Next meeting dates (if agreed upon today): Thursdays 10 am: March 2, April 13, May 4