

SIU Carbondale Sustainability Council
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 18th
5:15 pm, Morris Library 752

Members: Students: Connie Kaniewski-P, Dylan Gibson-P, Seth Traiteur-P; Faculty: Leslie Duram-P, Tao Huang-A, Shannon McDonald-P; Staff: Sally Wright-P, Betsy Bishop-P, Brad Cowley-A

P: present / A: Absent

1. Call to Order: 5:19 p.m
2. Attendance (include present and absent in minutes; names are above)
 - a. Expected to be absent: no one
3. Approval of Minutes – 1/28/2019
 - **Connie moved to approve the minutes, Dylan seconded.**
 - **All in favor with no abstentions**
4. **Strategic priority planning:** (5:20pm-pm)
 - a. Renewable Energy Certificates – The status, according to Geory, is that it is being reviewed.
 - b. Chancellor Brief – (5:20pm-5:52pm)
 - The idea of having the University sign the Second Nature Climate Commitment was discussed and how we can show the Chancellor why this is important.
 - Dylan asked if we can use the working groups as a leverage.
 - The plan is to draft a letter by Feb. 25th, open for comments from Feb. 25th until March 1st, open it up for the working groups to review, have a final draft by March 4th, and submit it before spring break. It will be voted on over email.
 - c. STARS (5:52pm-6:14pm)
 - i. General update
 - We are submitting another report for 2019, and a graduate assistant is working on the current STARS report.
 - The latest fellow has gone through the course catalog and reviewed the previous list and proposed approximately 15 new words.
 - ii. AC-1: List of keywords
 - list submitted by Sustainability Fellow, Gabby Robles
 - From [2016 report](#) process: “A graduate student identified and created a list of sustainability keywords. These keywords were reviewed by the Sustainability Council. The Council made suggested changes to the list and the finalized list was voted on and approved by the Council.”

Leslie moved to approve the list (with type-corrected), and Shannon seconded. The motion passed with no abstentions.

d. Sustainability Working Groups status

- The air/climate, food, and energy groups continue their work.
- The transportation group will have its first meeting soon.
- The water group is on pause as we learn more about the Greater Egypt Watershed plan grant.
- Over time, we may consider another working group, under the name of LAND USE.
- Incorporating sustainability into core curriculum was addressed.

5. Standing agenda items (6:21pm-6:27pm)

a. Green Fee account (Geory)

- Balance update - \$195,154.62 (as of 1/31/2019); ~\$9000 increase since 12/31
- GF budget adjustments under \$2500 - none
- GF budget adjustment requests over \$2500 - none

b. Green Fund Committee report (Connie/Dylan)

i. Extension requests (Connie)

- 18SP108 - Wildlife and Pollinator Enhancement for SIU Farms

Leslie motioned to approve the extension, and Sally seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.

- 18SP105 - Destined for Digital

Leslie motioned to approve the extension, and Betsy seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.

- Final reports received (or closed projects) (Connie)
- Other requests or items for review
- Status update of current funding round (Dylan)

6. Other updates (6:14pm-6:21pm) (6:27pm-6:36)

a. Hub Relocation

The hub relocation will take place on Feb. 21st or Feb. 25th.

b. [Semester Calendar](#) FYI - see calendar in right column under quick links

i. Highlight key events

- Regenerating Earth: From Problems to Potential, 2/7/2019 at 4 pm in Guyon Auditorium

There were about 80 people in attendance, with around 20 students.

- Exploring the UN Sustainable Development Goals, 2/28/2019, 11am-1pm in the SIU Student Center Art Gallery
- Drawdown event (end of March)

Date is still up in the air.

- Sust Celebration (end of April)

c. Open opportunity to share updates for initiatives not listed here.

- RecycleMania

Seth discussed how the basketball tabling event went at the game on Feb. 12th.

- Green Fund Workshop

At the Green Fund workshop, a few representatives from art and design alerted Geory are going to experiment with grinding plastic cups from athletics concession.

7. Thank you and adjourn (Meeting closed at 6:37pm)

Sally motioned to close the meeting, and Shannon seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.

The spring 2019 meetings as scheduled as follows:

- January 28 - 5:30 pm in Morris Library, room 754.
- February 18 - 5:15 pm in Morris Library, room 752.
- March 18 - 5:15 pm in Morris Library, room 752.
- April 8 - 5:15 pm in Morris Library, room 752.
- April 29 or May 6 (back-up date) - time and location, TBD

Council Calendar - highlights for the year

- **August** - updates from summer, orientation, overview of semester/year
- **September** - review of fiscal year, prioritization and goals for this year, STARS follow-up; Project Payment Tracking/Status (for fall semester)
- **October** - goals and STARS follow-up, [Sustainability Month]
- **November** - select Green Fund Committee (GFC), open applications for open position
- **December** - review applications for open position
- **January** - overview of semester; Project Payment Tracking/Status (for spring semester)
- **February** - review extension requests (Feb. 1 is deadline), GFC prepares for funding round
- **March** - review final reports (Mar. 1 is deadline), applications for open position, preparation for Sust. Celebration, Sust. Collaborator (or Hon. Env. Ambassador) award, **GFC reviewing proposals**
- **April** - review of recommendations from GFC (gf awards, changes to proposal, rubric, process), review applications for open position/s, **GFC reviewing proposals**, [Earth Month]
- **May** - review of FY20 budget
- **Summer** - only if needed
