

Green Fund Project Final Report

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1. Provide a summary of your project/project experience.

The ZGSA seminar series involved inviting guest speakers from within and outside SIU to give presentations on topics generally related to the conservation of wildlife, plants and ecosystems. One goal of this year's seminar series was to bring in a wider variety of speakers, moving beyond a strictly fish and wildlife focus. After taking suggestions from the faculty and students of the School of Biological Sciences, we reached out to scientists and conservationists from a wide variety of backgrounds, and ended up booking 10 speakers the Fall semester of 2019, and 11 speakers for Spring 2020. The speakers represented a diversity of fields such as wildlife conservation, geology, computer science, sustainability, and plant biology, and the seminars were well-attended by a mixture of graduate students, undergrads, and faculty. Additionally, several of the speakers were part of a new "Changing Global Environments" series, which seeks to consider how rapid environmental change is affecting ecosystems and life forms around the globe, and explore ways in which we can mitigate some of the negative effects.

2. Provide a summary of your results (environmental, social, and/or economic) including quantifiable data as appropriate (ex. # of individuals reached, lbs. diverted from landfill, energy saved, etc.).

We organized 21 different seminars for the 2019-2020 academic year, 14 of which have taken place at the time of this report. The number of individuals reached is difficult to estimate since people often attended multiple seminars, but we've had an average attendance of 42 people per seminar.

3. Summarize how your project promoted the Green Fee/Sustainability on campus including, but not limited to, flyers created, screenshots of website, signage, etc. Please include website links, if applicable. (Reminder: you are required to promote your project using at least 2 items from the awardee website promotion list.)

Promotional flyers were posted around campus that announced the week's upcoming seminar speaker. These flyers identified the Green Fee as one of the funding sources for the

program. Also, seminar speaker schedules for both Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters were emailed to all Zoology graduate students and faculty, which also identified the Green Fee as a funding source. We also acknowledged the support from the Green Fee when introducing the speakers.

4. Provide evidence of how you used the Green Fund Marker in your project.

The Green Fund Marker was present in all of the promotional flyers for the speakers, as well as our seminar speaker schedules for the Fall and Spring semesters, and the schedule for the new Changing Global Environments series. See the following attached images:

Sem series fall 2019.pdf

Sem series spring 2020.png (wouldn't let me save it as a jpg!)

Warne poster.jpg

Dugas poster.jpg

Ray poster.jpg

5. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to do a similar project in the future? If so, please describe.

I can't think of anything in particular I would change if I did a similar project in the future. The seminar series is very well-established since it's been held for so many years, and the classic shortcoming was always the lack of diversity in speakers. The financial support from the Green Fund gave us the freedom to invite speakers from a broader array of backgrounds since we were no longer constrained to just inviting speakers from this region.

6. Provide as an attachment to the email (see email address below) a minimum of 5 digital images. Images should be of high a quality as possible and be attached in jpg format, if available. Images will be used to promote interest in sustainability projects on campus and may be used on our website and in other promotional material. These can be photos of the progress of the project or the completed project. Provide captions for photos here.

Warne_1.jpg: Seminar from 2/27/20, speaker is Dr. Robin Warne

Warne_2.jpg: Seminar from 2/27/20, speaker is Dr. Robin Warne

Ray.jpg: Seminar from 1/23/20, speaker is Dr. Chris Ray

Marquez.jpg: Seminar from 2/20/20, speaker is Roberto Marquez

Sem series schedule fall 2019.pdf: seminar schedule for Fall 2019

Sem series spring 2020.png: seminar schedule for Spring 2020, though we've added another seminar since this schedule was published (Dr. Auriel Fourier, on 4/9/20)

7. List suggestions for the SIU Sustainability Council to improve the Green Fund Award Process here: I can't think of any suggestions.

The process was straightforward, and I appreciate all the information available on the resources page of your website!

Final Report forms should be sent electronically, in editable Microsoft Word format, to greenfund@siu.edu. This should be completed before requesting final reimbursement. A Sustainability Council designate will review final reports before releasing funds.