

Sustainability Council Meeting

February 17, 2021

Via zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2497492063>

Members present: Students: Connie Kaniewski, Luis Prado, Seth Traiteur; Faculty: Kofi Akamani, Tao Huang, Shannon McDonald, Staff: Brad Cowley, Paul Hagan, Sarah Marbes

1. Call to order: **Started at 5:06 pm**
2. Attendance: All present except Luis.
3. Approval of Minutes, 1-14-21
 - **Sarah motioned to approve the minutes, Connie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Announcements: Bicycle Friendly Application (5:08pm – 5:17pm)
 - In 2016 SIU became bicycle friendly campus. We resubmitted in October and moved up to Silver.
 - Adding bike lanes on Lincoln Drive, road cycling classes through the REC Center, and the Recycle your Bicycle project performed in Spring 2020 all helped get the higher recognition.
5. Green Fund Grant 2020: (5:17pm – 5:28 pm)
 - A. Extension requests: None currently.
 - B. Change of spending requests
 - There is a change of spending from a 2017 project that is asking for a newer model of a chair lift for people with disabilities. This lift will help people at the Becker Pavilion get into the boats safely.
 - Concerns: Storage, maintenance, safe for lake water, stable surface? We want Disability Services to approve project.
 - **Connie motions to table approval until REC Center Answers questions. Shannon seconds. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. Green Fund Grant 2021, timeline. (5:28pm-5:58 pm)
 - A. Application deadline: March 1.
 - There are 4 classes that will be writing proposals.
 - B. Review process
 - i. GF Committee (3 students, Sarah Marbes, and Shannon McDonald) reads and ranks all proposals. (with suggestions for improvement from Connie)
 - ii. Committee meets via zoom to discuss proposals (typically 2-3 sessions)
 - iii. Makes recommendations to larger council at regularly scheduled council meeting, with room for questions.
 - iv. Council discusses proposals and votes on which proposals to fund partially or in full. (typically 1-2 sessions)
 - v. The Council announces award winners via Sustainability Celebration and official SIU Communications, end of April. (suggestion from Karen for alternative)
7. Strategic Priority Planning (5:58 pm - 6:05 pm)
 - A. Second Nature updates & presentation (10 minutes)

- i. Q & A
 - B. [Listening & Learning Tour](#): Sustainability, March 25.
 - i. Council preparation/suggestions
 - ii. Integration of sustainability into Strategic plan:
 - 1. <https://siusystem.edu/about/strategic-plan/index.shtml>
- 8. Earth Month planning, Environmental Ambassador Awards, Grant announcements & other programming
 - A. Date for Grant announcements: TBD.
- 9. Determine Council Meeting schedule. (GFC will work separately to determine meeting schedule)
We will need to mark out 2 dates in late March/April for the Council to meet and discuss Green Fund recipients.
 - A. March: No meeting.
 - B. April 7
 - C. April 14

Connie motioned to close meeting; Tao seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting closed at 6:10pm.