

Sustainability Council Agenda

May 1, 12:30 pm

Via Zoom (link): <https://zoom.us/j/91545119334?pwd=cGhRUGFhSUV3ci8yVctBMXRLZlQrdz09>

Meeting ID: 915 4511 9334, password: 377270

Members: Students: Connie Kaniewski, Dylan Gibson, Seth Traiteur; Faculty: Tao Huang, Kofi Akamani, Leslie Duram; Staff: Sally Wright, Brad Cowley, Sarah Marbes

1. Call to Order: Meeting opened at 12:32 pm.
2. Attendance: All members present besides Brad.
3. Approval of Minutes- 4/10/20
 - a. **Sally motioned to approve the minutes; Sarah seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Programming (12:35 pm – 1:02 pm)
 - a. Environmental Ambassador Award: With an extended deadline, 5 students reported hours. (see appendix)
 - i. Considerations to accept hours served at other organizations including the SIU Food Pantry. *Should service hours only focus on the environmental component of sustainability or should we expand to include social aspects as well? See below.*
 - ii. Christy Mathis will write an article about the award, detailing the individuals below in the Appendix.
 - iii. **Leslie motioned to approve Katelyn Toigo's award application., Sally seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - iv. **Connie motions to recommend that Katherine Alleman fill out option B and resubmit, Tao seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - v. Alyssa Roimiser's hours will roll over to next year.
 - b. Give Before You Go update
 - i. We will not be doing that this year.
5. Strategic Planning (1:02 pm – 1:12 pm)
 - a. Second Nature Climate Commitment updates.
 - i. Karen posed the question of what the Council's relationship looks like with the Second Nature executive committee. **We will discuss this in the future.**
 - b. Considerations to council relationship with SN executive committee.
 - c. Student involvement in SN executive committee.
6. Green Fund Committee (1:12 pm – 1:17 pm)
 - a. Updates for FY 20 awardees: notifications sent by Seth on Earth Day.
 - i. Recycle Your Bicycle update
 - b. Mandatory workshops: TBD, Karen to notify council by email.
 - c. Project payment tracking/status for spring semester
 - i. Update on 19SP101: Zoology Seminar series (Connie)

- ii. Connie contacted the RSO and received receipts, there is money that will need to be refunded and the RSO also had to cancel a plane ticket that there will be no refund for.
 - iii. Update from FY 19 awardees: (see appendix)
- 7. Green Fund process (1:17 pm – 1:21 pm)
 - a. Considerations to alter the proposal process and/or rubric.
 - i. i.e. weighting student proposals
 - ii. Anything we would differently next year
 - iii. **Leslie motioned to table the discussion for a future meeting, Connie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 8. Council Member applications (see [operating papers](#)) (1:21 pm – 1:53 pm)
 - a. 1 staff application
 - b. 2 faculty applications (1 submitted after deadline)
 - c. 9 student applications
 - i. **Connie motioned to vote on the applications, Tao seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ii. **Connie, Seth, and Luis are the student members. Paul Hagan is the new staff member. And Shannon and Tao are the new faculty members.**
- 9. Standing Agenda Items (1:53 pm -1:58 pm)
 - a. Green Fee account
 - i. Balance update: \$146,478
 - FY 20 allocated 37, 318.
 - ii. GF budget adjustments under \$2,500- none
 - iii. GF budget adjustment requests over \$2,500- none
 - iv. **This item will be postponed due to uncertainty with the professional staff salaries.**
- 10. Review of FY 21 budget: Request to approve in May/June
- 11. Meeting during May
- 12. Sally motioned to close the meeting; Sarah seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Appendix:

Environmental Ambassador Forms submitted:

- Dylan Gibson (>30, Option B, climate conference planning efforts)
- Jessica Donvito (37 hours, Option A, Giant city State Park and clean ups)
- Emma Ensly (32 hours, Giant City State park, clean ups, and TON)
- Katelyn Toigo (17 hours, Deyempur Farm and Green Earth, She has received the award 3 yrs. prior)
- Katherine Alleman (97.5 hours, almost entirely at the SIU Food Pantry)
- Alyssa Roimiser (14 hours, clean ups, Green Earth, Sustainability office)

FY 2019 Updates:

- 3 out of 12 projects have submitted final reports with final funds being released.
- 3 reports have been submitted and are under review.
- 4 extensions/communication.
- 1 project not started.
- Out of \$54, 438 allocated last year, \$37,327.91 remains within the Green Fund account.