SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | 2/21/14

DETAILS

Minute Taker: Rachel Tholl
Timekeeper: Rachel Tholl
Present: Tim Oravec, Elliott Finn, Cassidy Radloff, Jen Christion Myers, Rachel Tholl, Andrew Futerman, Olivia Poblacion, Andrew Spaeth (Skype-in), Jesse Pettibone, Brandon Trelstad, Emily Bowling
Absent:

AGENDA

SEC – Water Treatment System/PV/Thermocontrols, presented by Cassidy Radloff
RLF Update, presented by Brandon Trelstad
Matrix Discussion, presented by Cassidy Radloff

MINUTES

SEC – WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM/PV/Thermocontrols

DISCUSSION

- Water treatment project follows LEED standards and is connected to a LEED point
  - Is the main point that makes the Fee Board favor the project
- Information about the project will be included in the SEC signage for public exposure
- Planning on combining the two systems (treating water before sending it to Willamette river and sending it to the water treatment plant)
- Information is limited on all three projects
  - PV documents from Andersen and Cherry City Electric explain the specs of the system
  - PV system is probably connected to a LEED point
  - Cost jump is steep; Fee board may fund the original amount instead of the increased amount
- Informational documents will be sent to Fee Board members for further discussion
  - Documents include the updated cost analysis and the physical layout of the project (the zones of the different areas that have a temperature control)
- Will be sending further questions to SEC building team and water treatment system representatives (water system: what the existing downstream system is exactly)
- Concerns come from the much higher financial request for the SEC building projects

DECISION(S)

- Vote on SEC funding for thermocontrols for an additional $105,000: vote is unanimously nay (Cassidy Radloff, Jesse Pettibone, Andrew Spaeth, Tim Oravec, Elliott Finn vote no), funding is maintained at the amount of $40,000 that was approved on March 15th, 2013 instead.
• Vote on PV funding for increased amount of $67,665 in addition to first proposal of $200,000, bringing total to $267,665: vote is unanimously aye (Cassidy Radloff, Jesse Pettibone, Andrew Spaeth, Tim Oravec, Elliott Finn vote yes), funding is awarded for the increased amount.
• Vote on water treatment system will be tabled for next week

RLF UPDATE
DISCUSSION
• Distribution of RLF is updated and explained in the document from Brandon Trelstad
• Funds would be moved into a plant fund, spent this fiscal year
• Brandon will attend a walk-through next week
  o Walk-through will help Fee Board know if the building for the OSU Sustainability Office is energy efficient or not
• Funding is up to the Fee Board to decide; applicant (LaSells Stewart Center Energy Efficiency project) will want to use one larger grant instead of multiple smaller funds

DECISION(S)
• Will continue to discuss the RLF proposal next week with Brandon’s information

MATRIX DISCUSSION
DISCUSSION
• Deciding exactly what each category is asking for, if its value is appropriate (cracking down on grey areas)
• Deciding what requires full funding, what causes partial funding and which parts of applications should be funded depending on the score – looking for consistency
• Make it more clear that it is necessary that applicants address each category included in the application
• Next year, the GTA position will hopefully handle this issue
• Changing the benchmark of the final score / the cutoff of full, partial, or no funding
• Student impact includes whether or not the project includes a presentation or workshop (emphasizing active/hands-on student engagement)
• Student learning includes how the experience will impact the project participants in the future

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY FEB 28, 10AM – 12PM
DECISION
• The next meeting will be on Friday, February 28 from 10am to 12pm at SSI.
• Potential agenda items include:
  o The three Travel Grant agenda items the Board didn’t cover
  o CGI Travel Grants
  o Coordinating a meeting for SSI, Sustainability Office, SSI Fee Board, and other groups toward the end of the quarter

Observers: Jen Christion Myers, Rachel Tholl, Brandon Trelstad, Olivia Poblacion, Emily Bowling
Notes: Rachel Tholl