SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | JANUARY 10TH

DETAILS

Minute Taker: Rachel Tholl
Timekeeper: Rachel Tholl
Present: Andrew Futerman, Jesse Pettibone, Cassidy Radloff, Jen Christion Myers, Rachel Tholl, Emily Bowling, Olivia Poblacion, Elliot Finn
Absent: Tim Oravec

AGENDA

Budget, presented by Jen Christion Myers and Emily Bowling
Project Grant Update, presented by Cassidy Radloff and Jen Christion Myers
Wage Grant Application, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Research Grants, presented by Cassidy Radloff and Jen Christion Myers
SEC Funding, presented by Cassidy Radloff and Jen Christion Myers
Upcoming SSI Events, presented by Jen Christion Myers

MINUTES

NEW MEMBER
DECISION(S)

- Andrew Spaeth approved as new member by Jesse Pettibone, Cassidy Radloff, Emily Bowling, Elliot Finn, Andrew Futerman

BUDGET
DISCUSSION

- Pay of SSI staff will be changed; begin at $9.60, raises will be available as staff take on more responsibilities up to $9.90, as well as adding $0.25 if staff member remains for another year
- Funds will be allotted for 5 staff members to work (plus director) over the summer at $9.60 per hour
- Creating a graduate student position to work on restructuring the grant programs (wage, travel, and project) and Revolving Loan Fund – Emily Bowling will be drafting the position description
- Water Treatment Structure was never given permission, but has begun construction – needs to be funded by someone, so SSI will look into it
- Will be funding a part of the SEC in the next budget, construction finished by Jan. 1st, 2015
- Solar Trailer: needs to be reassessed for its energy collection and costs via research
  - Is a very useful visibility tool
- Finalized budget will be given to members by end of day on Tuesday, Jan 14th
- SIFC hearing is January 28th at 7:30pm in MU 213
- Open Hearing for all budget approvals by SIFC is Feb 13th at 6pm in MU Ballroom
SSI is 2nd in line, the public/students may speak in favor of budget

DECISION(S)
- Request $1 increase in Green Fee due to 1. graduate student position, 2. student fees being relocated; turns into about less than $6 per year for each student

PROJECT GRANT UPDATE
DISCUSSION
- Permission papers were emailed by Elba Moise
- Further information emailed from Water Catchment project
- Have projects well-documented and publicized
- Plans for orientation: Tuesday, Jan 14th 6-7pm

WAGE GRANT APPLICATION – CAMPUS FOOD ASSESSMENT INTERNS
DISCUSSION
- Is very possible & exciting, a great idea; if it doesn’t succeed this time around it’s important to continue trying
- Cooperation with UHDS is imperative
- This position is more of a research position
- Other higher positions in the student work force do not pay more than $9.90 an hour, therefore an intern position should not be as high as $12
- Difficult decision because the SSI supports living wages but equality amongst student positions must be considered
- Estimated hours per week should be estimated by applicant; must remind applicants that student workers must work from 5 – 20 hours per week
- Ask how marketing will be administered; make sure the advertising is wide

DECISION(S)
- Suggesting a lower hourly pay; lower from $12 to $10
- Wage Grant approved by Cassidy Radloff, Emily Bowling, Elliot Finn, Andrew Futerman
  - Jesse Pettibone abstain - $10 is not a living wage, should be higher

RESEARCH GRANTS
DISCUSSION
- Working with Kevin Ahern, who supports undergraduate research projects
- Need to spread awareness about applications – fee board committee to help this program begin and have structure
  - At least one Fee Board member should be involved with the research grant program
    - First person will be Tim, then Jesse if Tim cannot
  - Research grants should focus on applied research that can promote sustainability on campus; have student impact
- More debate will be considered over whether or not the requirements for research grants funded by the SSI should be directly related to something that helps the SSI or the student population in general at OSU, sustainably.

SEC FUNDING
DISCUSSION
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DECISION(S)
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UPCOMING SSI EVENTS

DISCUSSION

- Recycle Mania – Jan 21st (3 weeks long)
- MLK week – Do the Math & Divestment – Jan 22, 7:30pm Snell Intl Forum
- Bidder 70 screening – Feb 12
- Transformation Without Apocalypse – Feb 14-15
  o Making careers sustainable
  o Changing on campus sustainability
  o Helping to fund a workshop with Beautiful Trouble – nonviolent action from Occupy Wall Street movement

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY JAN 17TH, 10AM

DECISION

- The next meeting will be on Friday, January 17th from 10am to 12pm at [TBA].
- Will be an open meeting at different location; opportunity to present budget to public/other students interested
- Potential agenda items include:
  o Budget
  o Voting on budget items

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

Notes: Rachel Tholl