SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | JANUARY 17TH

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, Tim Oravec, Brandon Trelstad, Eric Alexander

AGENDA

Roll Call Cassidy Radloff
SSI Overview, presented by Olivia Poblacion
Budget Presentation, presented by Jen Christion Myers and Emily Bowling
Revolving Loan Fund, presented by Jen Christion Myers and Brandon Trelstad
Student and Program Impacts of the SSI, presented by Olivia Poblacion and Cassidy Radloff
Open Discussion for the Group, presented by Cassidy Radloff

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Cassidy Radloff

MEMBER ROLL CALL
• Members of the board present: Jesse Pettibone, Andrew Futerman, Tim Oravec, Elliot Finn.

SSI OVERVIEW
• Explanation of Student Sustainability Initiative structure and programming presented by Olivia Poblacion including mission, staff, and project grants

BUDGET PRESENTATION
DISCUSSION
• Budget with decision packages and base budget (without) presented by Jen Christion Myers
  • Changes include: reduction in utilities cost because of mid-year move to the SEC, reduction in advertising line-item for promotional materials with a focus on sustainable products, travel grant line-item increasing to allow SSI employees to apply, professional development (conferences and training) line-item decreases because of increased capacity to provide training in-house.
  • Beaver Bus and Philomath Connection increase in funding due to changes in city contracts
• Decision packages presented by Emily Bowling
• GTA position proposed in order to coordinate grant programs and Revolving Loan Fund
• Green Fee increase of $1 per student per term in order to support sustainability infrastructure projects on student-fee funded buildings
• Proposed student Fee is $6.36

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

DISCUSSION
• Opportunities for the SSI to invest with new partners and facilities
• Three potential projects in the works include:
  o Salmon Disease Lab
  o LeSells Stewart Center
  o Agriculture Life Sciences
• This year is the last year we will try to implement RLF projects. If nothing goes through in FY15, the funds will be reallocated to the Green Fee Grant program

STUDENT AND PROGRAM IMPACTS OF THE SSI

DISCUSSION
• Project grants allow the SSI to reach a wider range of topics and student interest areas.
  o Creates higher visibility for the SSI and its mission
• Wage and travel grants offer more responsibility and opportunities for students
• Student employment by the SSI offers students leadership opportunities
  o The SSI offers a ladder of responsibility and students can progress how they desire, from volunteer to intern to staff position.
  o High turnover due to graduation offers diversity to each project and program in the SSI, considering particular interests and connections.

OPEN DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION
• Rebound from setbacks in FY13 is impressive
• Review percentage changes in budget
• Have SSI staff do a written testimony to the SSI’s success and read at the budget presentation
• Double-check the budget increase for GTA position
• Add the transit fee
• Inquiry of AY14’s travel grant spending to date and if the proposed increase is sufficient.
  Travel grant increase is due to encouraging SSI staff to take advantage of the travel grants rather than budgeting for it in the professional development line-item.
• The operating budget of the SSI is lower; increases focus on grant programs and construction costs for SEC and other student-fee funded facilities.
• Planned SEC projects need to be discussed for vote; the new cost estimates are higher than funding approved in FY13 and include a storm water treatment structure, LED lighting, thermal controls, and more PV opportunities

DECISIONS
• Move to table discussion of SEC project made by Andrew Futerman; seconded by Elliot Finn. Move approved by all voting members.
• Motion to approve SSI budget made by Andrew Futerman; seconded by Jesse Pettibone
• Vote by roll call is approved by all voting members: Andrew Futerman, Jesse Pettibone, Tim Oravec, Elliot Finn, and Cassidy Radloff.
NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY JAN 24TH, 2014 AT 10AM

DISCUSSION

- The next meeting will be on Friday, January 24th from 10am to 12pm at SSC.
- Potential agenda items include:
  - Undergraduate and graduate student access to research grant programs
    - Try to emphasize undergraduate opportunity on grounds of who pays more student fees (undergraduates pay more fees than graduates)
    - Stagger application openings for more undergraduate application time
  - Voting on SEC expanding costs
  - Request by a rejected project grant team to re-submit an application for funding before the end of the month. They may submit a travel grant for consideration.

DECISION

- Move to not reconsider a project grant for the rest of the year made by Andrew Futerman; seconded by Tim Oravec. Move approved by ayes from all members.
- Move to adjourn meeting by Andrew Futerman; seconded by Tim Oravec. Move approved by ayes from all members. Meeting adjourned at 11:46am.

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

Notes: Rachel Tholl