SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | JANUARY 24, 2014

DETAILS

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

AGENDA

Member Introductions, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Introduction to SSI, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Fee Board Member Role, presented by Cassidy Radloff
SIFC Budget Presentation, presented by Cassidy Radloff and Emily Bowling
SEC Funding – Water Treatment Structure, presented by Emily Bowling and Brandon Trelstad
Research Grants, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Project Grant Review, presented by Cassidy Radloff

MINUTES

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS
DISCUSSION
• Introductions for new member, Andrew Spaeth.

INTRODUCTION TO SSI
DISCUSSION
• Explanation of SSI for new member, Andrew Spaeth.

FEE BOARD MEMBER ROLE
DISCUSSION
• Explanation of member role
• Elliot Finn will become non-voting member, to be replaced by Andrew Spaeth.
• Official vote or decision on when Elliot will step down and Andrew takes on his role.
  o Elliot will vote on budget; after budget, Andrew will step up.

SIFC BUDGET PRESENTATION
DISCUSSION
• Cassidy Radloff has created the presentation.
30 minute overview of program and budget, specific questions for board, general questions at the end.

- Tim Oravec volunteered to assist Cassidy with presentation.
- Asking for slight increase in student fees (about $1 per student per term).
- Budget being submitted to SIFC today.
- Open Hearing on February 13th at 6pm (SSI is 2nd in line) and official approval from SIFC.
  - Opportunity for public testimony in support of budget for SSI.

SEC FUNDING – WATER TREATMENT STRUCTURE

DISCUSSION

- Emily Bowling suggests waiting on SEC voting until after budget approval.
- Explanation of past projects similar to SEC sustainable construction by Brandon Trelstad.
  - Using student fees to fund buildings will make it easier for student fees to be used for future expansion/updates to buildings later on.
  - However, SEC is already student fee funded with or without SSI contribution.
- Showing of water treatment structure video.
  - City requirements are already very close to what the water treatment structure would be (e.g. oil separation).
  - This structure in particular would not be as visible nor rewarding to the student body as other possible projects (e.g. green roof).
- Need specific details about the project.
  - Is it connected to a LEED point?
  - Is it a sustainability feature?
  - What city code requires it?
  - What is the cost of the code requirement?
  - What are other ways to get students involved with the project?
  - What would the entire cost be?
  - Is this a marginal cost?
  - What are alternatives to a similar storm water objective?

DECISION(S)

- Motion made by Cassidy Radloff to table SEC voting until entire package is available and budget is approved.
  - Seconded by Tim Oravec.

RESEARCH GRANTS

DISCUSSION

- Jesse has been compiling application materials. Next week should have results.
- Created because of idea for research grants a few years ago, plus project grants this year that are more similar to a research grant instead of a project grant.
- More attractive to undergraduates because of shorter time line.
- Timeline going to be presented next week; advertising beginning right after.
- Trying to find a way to connect research projects to faculty/other students.
  - Considering putting research projects online for other people to join.
  - Letter of Intent required; makes applicant consider what they're interested in and is sent to Kevin.
- Debate over how much time to give to research projects.

DECISION(S)

- Going to create and figure out application materials next Fee Board meeting.
- Advertise the week after that, February 1st - 8th.
- Deadline for application is March 7th.
- Deadline for letter of intent is February 24th.
- Talk to Kevin about finding faculty members open to working with research projects.
- Deadline for end of project is June 31st.
- Date that Fee Board will get back to recipients is flexible.

PROJECT GRANT REVIEW

DISCUSSION
- Solar Vehicle Team amendments
  - Is important for OSU’s visibility; success in past with this project.
  - Still not exactly what Fee Board is looking for.
    - Looking for more details: what happens to projects once they’re finished (specific disposal plan for car materials); what they actually do; address sustainability in long term plan.
  - Emily Bowling suggests that team comes to center in person to answer questions.
  - Jesse Pettibone suggests that next year Fee Board invites teams to come in for their second review.
  - Notes that SSI funding is not the most important to the project; partial funding is possible.
- Gender Equity and Human Rights amendments
  - Fee Board asked for tentative event agenda with speakers, revised budget including all funding sources, asked for sustainable funding sources (organic/local food).
    - Team provided possible speakers, local catering, not a very updated budget.
  - Difficult to see sustainability aspect of the project; project is more focused on social welfare and equity.

DECISION(S)
- Solar Vehicle Team - $6,000 originally requested; Fee Board will offer half.
  - Funding Vehicle Team partial funding vote
    - Elliot Finn, Tim Oravec, Jesse Pettibone, Cassidy Radloff voted yes.
    - Andrew Futerman voted no.
  - Vehicle Team will receive partial funding of $3,000.
  - Next year may consider asking teams to come in person to discuss project.
- Gender Equity and Human Rights - $6,000 requested
  - Motion to fund project
    - Elliot Finn, Jesse Pettibone, Cassidy Radloff, Andrew Futerman voted no.
  - Project will not receive funding.
- Double check with Organic Growers Club about their missed deadline.

NEXT MEETING – FRIDAY JAN 31, 10AM – 12PM

DECISION
- The next meeting will be on Friday, January 31 from 10am to 12pm at SSI.
- Potential agenda items include:
  - Travel Grant applicant
    - Included food on lodging line
    - Elliot Finn and Andrew Futerman will abstain from vote due to personal connection.

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

Notes: Rachel Tholl