SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | 3/14/14

DETAILS

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

AGENDA

Garden Manager position, presented by Olivia Poblacion
GTA Offer, presented by Jen Christion-Myers
Wage Grant – Sustainability Office, presented by Brandon Trelstad
Wage Grant, presented by Jen Christion-Myers
Project Grant Updates, presented by Jen Christion-Myers
Travel Grant – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Travel Grant – Amir Azarbakht, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Travel Grant – Lexa McAllister, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Travel Grant – Decker McElroy, presented by Cassidy Radloff
FY15 Wage Grant Advertising, presented by Cassidy Radloff
Research Grant Update, presented by Jen Christion-Myers
SEC Metering Granularity and Signage, presented by Emily Bowling
RLF Update and Discussion, presented by Brandon Trelstad
Mu Building and Services Meeting Update, presented by Olivia Poblacion

MINUTES

GARDEN MANAGER POSITION – 10:04 TO 10:13
DISCUSSION
• Garden is too much work for one 15 hour a week position
• Wanting to add another staff member dedicated to work on garden maintenance so that the landscape coordinator can focus on events
• SSI has fund balance already to cover the position
• Garden manager will be at the Oak Creek garden once the SSI moves to the SEC

GTA OFFER – 10:13 TO 10:19
DISCUSSION
• Offer has been made to Kim Helm
• Explanation of candidate; Fee Board invited to make comments
• Candidate will accept or decline by April 5th
• If Kim declines, SSI will work down the list of runner-ups

WAGE GRANT – SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE – 10:19 TO 10:39
DISCUSSION
• The positions that the SSI has agreed to fund have gone over the hours that the SSI approved
• Wage grant is capped at $6,000, the position has logged over $1,000 worth of hours already
• Can either extend the cap or terminate the position
  o Discussion about why the cap was made
• SSI has about $8,400 left for the fiscal year for Wage grants (spent $15,400 out of $24,000)
  o Need to figure out how to fund the position during Spring term
• Having the same person in a position for longer pays off much more than hiring new people
• Decision needs to happen before the next pay period ends

WAGE GRANT – 10:39 TO 10:46
DISCUSSION
• Wage Grant program got a slow start, requesting to work over the summer
• Didn’t request any extra funding, but asked to extend the working period

PROJECT GRANT UPDATES – 10:46 TO 11:09
DISCUSSION
• Transatlantic Student Symposium – confusion between AABC, MU (Heather Rapp), and SSI on if SSI can reserve the MU room for free since the SSI is co-sponsoring the program
  o Problem arose from the student group trying to reserve the room themselves instead of the SSI
  o Future student groups should know that the SSI wants to be a co-sponsor of their program
  o Asking for shuttle transportation instead, since SSI can’t help the room reservation (will be further investigated by Patrick Mahedy)
• Solar Vehicle Team – trying to get the team to reuse their cars, they should meet with Waste Reduction or Energy Coordinator; team may sell cars to another school or keep it at OSU for demonstration purposes
• Water Catchment System – location is being decided
• Bike Fix-It Station – UHDS and Rec Sports will purchase some stations and decide on location; SSI can only install the one SSI is funded on student-funded property
  o SSI’s station location will probably be at the SEC

TRAVEL GRANT – LYDIA ELLIOTT – 11:09 TO 11:12
DISCUSSION
• Fee Board’s questions were answered by Lydia via email, answers are satisfying to Board
• Rachel Tholl’s application was for $75 and was approved last week

DECISION(S)
• Vote on Lydia’s travel grant application for $206: Jesse Pettibone, Andrew Futerman, Andrew Spaeth, Cassidy Radloff, and Tim Oravec vote yes; grant approved.

TRAVEL GRANT – JEREMIAH OSBORNE-GOWEY – 11:12 TO 11:22
DISCUSSION
• Application was very strong; advised by Andrew Futerman because of their friendly personal relationship (Andrew Futerman abstains from voting due to relationship)
- Matrix proved very strong in accordance with how well the application was filled out
- The new requirements for future travel grants will involve explaining sustainability of travel

**DECISION(S)**
- Vote to fund Jeremiah in the full amount of $500: Jesse Pettibone, Andrew Spaeth, Cassidy Radloff, and Tim Oravec vote yes; grant approved

**TRAVEL GRANT – AMIR AZARBAHKT** – 11:22 TO 11:26

**DISCUSSION**
- The application is an automatic deny due to the travel having already happened
- SSI does not allow reimbursements if the time window has passed, which is air travel 55 days and regular travel 30 days before the travel occurs

**DECISION(S)**
- Matrix not filled out due to the timing of the application

**TRAVEL GRANT – LEXA MCALLISTER** – 11:26 TO 11:33

**DISCUSSION**
- Lexa McAllister, Decker McElroy, and Jesse Pettibone each filled out an application for a travel grant to the same event in April
- Strong application and correspondingly strong matrix
  - Applicant included consideration of sustainability of travel
  - Jesse Pettibone abstains due to relationship with applicant

**DECISION(S)**
- Vote to fund the applicant with requested amount of $183.75: Andrew Spaeth, Cassidy Radloff, Tim Oravec, and Andrew Futerman vote yes; grant approved

**TRAVEL GRANT – DECKER MCELROY** – 11:33 TO 11:38

**DISCUSSION**
- Discussion considering offering a group application for travel grants due to the number of groups applying
- Another strong application
- Jesse Pettibone abstains from vote due to relationship with applicant
  - Jesse Pettibone’s application will be considered next time

**DECISION(S)**
- Vote for funding requested amount of $183.75: Andrew Spaeth, Cassidy Radloff, Tim Oravec, and Andrew Futerman vote yes; grant approved

**FY15 WAGE GRANT ADVERTISING** – 11:38 TO 11:45

**DISCUSSION**
- Asking when to begin advertising and if the application should be edited; in the past, process has been in the spring
- Application will be reviewed by Fee Board members and edited next meeting (first meeting of Spring term)
- Advertising will start after the application has been reviewed (week 2 of Spring term)
  - Alyssa Johnson will be contacted to make advertising materials

**RESEARCH GRANT UPDATE** – 11:43 TO 11:45

**DISCUSSION**
- Cassidy Radloff, Jen Christion-Myers, and Emily Bowling have been meeting to work on the research grant topic
• Documents will be drawn up for the next Fee Board meeting

SEC METERING GRANULARITY AND SIGNAGE – 11:45 TO 11:55
DISCUSSION
• What signs should be put up around the SEC in order to promote the sustainability
• Debate on how to meter the energy usage of each student group even if the group is spread out in different areas (e.g. ASOSU is on two floors); can do suite-level, organization-level, or floor-level; maybe competitions between groups
  o Brandon Treslstad states that it is cost effective to put in meters to watch the energy usage in the building
• A sustainability screen will be available on the first floor of the SEC to display the meter readings and link the SSI website; initial amount to install will be $30,000, plus annual cost of $2,800 (building services is willing to help with the payment)
• Also asking what vending machines should sell in the SEC; maybe some more organic or sustainable foods

MU BUILDING SERVICES MEETING UPDATE – 11:55 TO 12:02
DISCUSSION
• Meeting that Olivia Poblacion attended was focused with more faculty, not as student-driven as the SSI would prefer
• Items to fund would be faucets and some kind of green roof initiative (garden and bees) on top of the Memorial Union
• Funds are still available, so project ideas will hopefully be coming from Building Services
  o Possibly hiring interns to upkeep the projects
  o Trying to get more recognition for the MU building efforts towards being sustainable (low flow toilets, making things last longer, etc.)
• A good opportunity for SSI support staff to help the building services projects and other departments’ projects

RLF UPDATE- 12:02 TO 12:08
DISCUSSION
• Application in three weeks
• Salmon Disease Lab is being funded, needs $470,000 – if SSI will fund the $300,000, need to find the additional $170,000
  o May need to raise the RLF
• SSI can work with AABC and SIFC to figure out how much SSI can contribute

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