SSI Fee Board Minutes | 2/28/14

Details

Minute Taker: Rachel Tholl
Timekeeper: Rachel Tholl
Present: Jesse Pettibone, Jen Christion Myers, Rachel Tholl, Tim Oravec, Patrick Mahedy, Cassidy Radloff, Brandon Trelstad, Andrew Spaeth (phone-in), Emily Bowling
Absent: Andrew Futerman

Agenda

Patrick Update, presented by Patrick Mahedy (10:05 to 10:10)
MU Projects Update, presented by Cassidy Radloff (10:10 to 10:25)
Matrix Discussion, presented by Cassidy Radloff and Jen Christion Myers (10:25 to 11:00, 11:20 to 11:33)
SEC – Water Treatment, presented by Emily Bowling and Brandon Trelstad (11:00 to 11:20)
Travel Grant – Elizabeth O’Casey, presented by Cassidy Radloff (11:33 to 11:47)
Travel Grant – Sadie Davis, presented by Cassidy Radloff (11:47 to 11:54)
Travel Grant – Heli Matrix, presented by Cassidy Radloff (11:54 to 12:00)

Next Meeting

Minutes

Patrick – SIFC Update – 10:05 to 10:10
Discussion
  ● Waiting for notice from AABC on travel grant

MU Projects & Project Grants Update – 10:10 to 10:25
Discussion
  ● Earlier meeting with MU team – Brandon Trelstad, Cassidy Radloff, and Jen Christion Myers attended a meeting and plan on attending a few future meetings.
  ● Recycling opportunities and policies in the SEC
  ● Project grants will go to the capital planning team (water catchment and Pride Center garden)
    o Bike Fix It Station – Dixon doesn’t want the stations (they have funding for their own); Dixon and Rec Sports will buy their own stations.
    o Grantee may install bike fix it station at the SSC location (738 SW 15th St.) instead.
    o Working on how to track usage
  ● Food Group had its first cooking class last Monday (Feb 24th); about 20 people, most students, a few faculty; chef/nutritionist attended; successful and well-attended; survey evaluation distributed at the end
**Matrix Discussion for Project Grant Applications – 10:25 to 11:00; 11:20 to 11:33**

**Discussion**
- Trying to make the process of evaluation more efficient and concise; less vague
  - There will be exceptions for each rule, but it can be more constant
- Changing first section to having 5 points for each core aspect of sustainability (environmental, social, economic) and 15 for the relations between each category (more points for more relations)
- Active engagement versus participating
  - Don’t want to relate the learning to the applicant’s academics because it may be an extracurricular project that doesn’t relate to his/her major.
  - Keeping it more general to accommodate all people’s circumstances in how they can learn about the issue their project is related to.
- Sharing the project benefit with the entire student body
- Travel sustainability
  - Asking Ryan Sullivan about buying carbon offset – student buys it, is it included in the travel grant money from the SSI, or does the SSI buy the offset separate from the student’s travel costs?
  - Don’t want to turn students away from using SSI funds due to the extra cost of carbon offset; SSI may pay for the carbon offset (about $35, not too much) and their flights.
  - Carbon offset is offered as additional points, not required.
  - Still want to push students to find an alternative to travel, such as a train or driving to California; there are time restrictions for most students.
  - Rather than the choice of mode of transportation, the issue is how thoughtful the student was in choosing it.

**SEC – Water Treatment – 11:00 to 11:20**

**Discussion**
- Questions that the Fee Board asks the SEC construction team costs money to have the engineers get the answers.
- No further information on downstream system due to the rushed timeline.

**Decision(s)**
- Vote on approving the SEC Water Treatment proposal for $24,440; Jesse Pettibone, Tim Oravec, Cassidy Radloff, Andrew Spaeth vote aye; none opposed; proposal passed

**Travel Grant – Elizabeth O’Casey - 11:33 to 11:47**

**Discussion**
- Application for Innovation and the National Park Service – conference in North Carolina
- Requesting $429 for flights, lodging
- Application is fully formed, acknowledges holistic approach; benefits applicant and sort of student body (Ecologue); each aspect of sustainability is represented
- Was actually submitted in December, which explains some of the missing information concerning what topics the conference will specifically cover
- Fully researched alternative transportation and cost effectiveness

**Decision(s)**
- Proposal for travel grant of $429 – Tim Oravec, Jesse Pettibone, Cassidy Radloff, Andrew Spaeth all vote aye, none opposed; grant approved

**Travel Grant – Sadie Davis – 11:47 to 11:54**
DISCUSSION
- Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education conference
- Application in general is not extremely sustainability-related; doesn’t address the three core aspects of sustainability
- Does offer a great deal of student learning; applicant is presenting and will represent the student body; applicant looked into other sources of funding

DECISION(S)
- $500 grant for Sade Davis voted on: Jesse Pettibone, Tim Oravec, Cassidy Radloff, Andrew Spaeth vote no, grant not approved.

Heli Matrix – 11:55 to 12:00
DISCUSSION
- Katarina Morowsky – grant not passed, Fee Board needs to make a matrix explaining decision
- Sustainability is not a concern of the application; student body learning is not explained
- Offers personal learning and is presenting at the event; however the nature of the travel is not sustainable; pursuing other sources of funding/scholarships

DECISION(S)
- Vote has already been made on February 14th, 2014 and the grant was not passed

Next Meeting
DECISION
- The next meeting will be on 3/7/14 from 10am to 12pm at SSC.
- Potential agenda items include:
  - Matrix discussion
  - Travel grants - Rachel Tholl and Lydia Elliott

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