SSI FEE BOARD MINUTES | APRIL 12, 2013

DETAILS

Minute Taker: Brian Powell
Timekeeper: Brian Laird
Present: Brian Powell, Brian Laird, Emily Bowling, Brandon Trelstad, Eric Alexander, Colette Conover, Lindsey Alamode, Elliott Finn, Shyanne Woods, Cassidy Radloff
Absent: Ryan Stewart

AGENDA

SEC Naming Updates, presented by Brian Laird (10 Min)
Travel Grant Update, presented by Brian Laird (13 Min)
Solar Vehicle Team Project Grant, presented by Brian Laird (4 Min)
SEC Updates, presented by Eric Alexander (35 Min)
SSI Review Committee Recommendations, presented by Brian Laird (27 Min)
Grant Timelines, presented by Brian Laird (10 Min)

MINUTES

SEC NAMING UPDATES – 10:07 AM TO 10:17 AM
DISCUSSION
• The Board discussed the ballot for naming the new building on campus (currently referred to as the Student Experience Center) and the covered canopy that will be located adjacent to it.
DECISION(S)
• The Board decided that it prefers Student Experience Center as the name of the building and will continue discussing a name for the plaza. The staff will also make their suggestions at the staff meeting.

TRAVEL GRANT UPDATE – WEI WEI – 10:17 AM TO 10:30 AM
DISCUSSION
• The Board continued discussing the travel grant that was submitted for the Microbiology Conference. The Board discussed the implications of supporting a grant that would go towards research of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). The Board discussed the lack of a strong connection to sustainability.
DECISION(S)
• The Board decided to vote against funding Wei Wei’s travel grant.

ACTION ITEMS
• The Board will review its consistency in the future for taking a stance on controversial environmental issues.

**SOLAR VEHICLE TEAM PROJECT GRANT – 10:30 AM TO 10:34 AM**

**DISCUSSION**
- The Board discussed the OSU Solar Vehicle Team’s proposal to use their remaining project grant funds ($168) to purchase tires to improve the efficiency for their vehicle.

**DECISION(S)**
- The Board decided to allow the OSU Solar Vehicle Team to use up to $168 remaining in their project grant to purchase tires for their solar vehicle.

**SEC UPDATES – 10:34 AM TO 11:09 AM**

**DISCUSSION**
- The Board reviewed an email from Larrie Easterly regarding SSI’s landscaping meeting with the SEC architects.
- The Board reviewed a memo from PAE consulting stating that they would have PV estimates by next week for the SEC (with cost analysis of each). The memo also detailed renovations for the MU East Wing for the air handler and provided multiple options to choose from.

**DECISION(S)**
- The Board decided to approve spending $54,000 on the air handler unit, but will postpone decision making on additional funds until more information is obtained.

**ACTION ITEMS**
- Eric Alexander will follow-up to get additional information.

**SSI REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – 11:23 AM TO 11:50 AM**

**DISCUSSION**
- The Board discussed the SSI Review Committee Recommendations and began working on plans and responses to them.

**DECISION(S)**
- The Board began putting together answers to the SSI Review Committee’s recommendations regarding OSU administration goals versus student goals.

**ACTION ITEMS**
- Brian Laird will refine and bring changes back to the Board by next week.

**GRANT TIMELINES – 11:50 AM TO 12 PM**

**DISCUSSION**
- Brandon passed on a request he received for a rainwater capture system at the Women’s Center. Engineers Without Borders wanted to do the project this summer, but SSI Project Grants are not available until winter. The group also discussed the option to solicit additional project grants outside the usual fall season. There was generally support for doing solicitations for project grants 2-3 times per year. This will be discussed at the next meeting. This would be in line with what is done for with the travel and other grants.

**Notes:** Cassidy Radloff arrived at 11:05 AM; Eric Alexander left at 11:09 AM