

**Western Washington University Associated Students
Green Energy Fee
Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

VU460

Present: Katie Savinski (Chair, VP for Student Life), Victor Celis (VP for Academics), Grace Wang, Nina Olivier (AS Environmental & Sustainability Program Associate Director), Sadie Normoyle (AS Green Energy Fee Education Coordinator), Regan Clover, Jacob Lesser, and Ashley Selvey
Absent: Nicole Brown and Ed Simpson

Advisor: Kevin Majkut

Secretary: Kaylee Galloway

MOTIONS

- GEF-13-W-10** Approve the minutes from February 12, 2013. *Passed*
GEF-13-W-11 Approve the minutes from February 19, 2013. *Passed*
GEF-13-W-12 Approve the minutes from March 5, 2013. *Passed*
GEF-13-W-13 Approve \$184,735.00 for the Driving Down Energy Consumption with Dashboard Information is Power Project. *Passed*
GEF-13-W-14 Approve all of the consent items. *Passed*

Katie Savinski, Chair of Green Energy Fee Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MO TION GEF-13- W-10 by Lesser

Approve the minutes from February 12, 2013.

Second: Celis Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

MO TION GEF-13- W-11 by Lesser

Approve the minutes from February 19, 2013.

Second: Celis Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

MO TION GEF-13- W-12 by Lesser

Approve the minutes from March 5, 2013

Second: Celis Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

IV. FUNDING ALLOCATION

A. Dashboard

Savinski said they have selected the Fairhaven Complex as their alternative location. Clover said they are asking for more than what the Ree Center would have been. Lesser noted that it will be covering more building. Clover said the group is asking for \$184,735 which doesn't include GEF salary person. Clover said that the computer science department is interested in getting more involved next quarter.

MOTION GEF-13-W-13 by Savinski

Approve \$184,735.00 for the Driving Down Energy Consumption with Dashboard Information is Power Project.

Second: Wang Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

y. CONSENT ITEMS

Savinski said that these were the project proposals submitted for the small grant pilot. She said that the summary gives an overview of all of the projects that were submitted. Lesser noticed that funding was mostly for equipment for the life of the project and wondered what would happen to that equipment and what the policy would be. Clover said that there are different policies depending upon the department. Wang said that Dining Services are absorbing a lot of the costs for the Project Mug. Savinski said she had a meeting with Steve and was more than willing to let this project happen. She said that he seemed really supportive of the Project Mug. Normoyle noted that the funding request for Green Lighting the Black Box project was for fixtures and for a smaller stage. Lesser wondered if there was encouragement to apply for the PSE grant. Clover said the team just did that. Lesser said the all of the projects seem really cool. The committee agreed. Clover said that two projects did not make the deadline. She said that another project ended up not needing any funding. Wang said that it is great that GEF has the funding to support these projects. Majkut said that they can be voted together or separately and that it is up to the chair. No one expressed concerned with items.

A. Green Lighting the Black Box - \$2,000

B. Green Residence Certification Pilot - \$1,975.44

C. Outback and Arboretum Environmental Restoration - \$1,935

D. The Built to Last Picture Show - \$500

E. Project Mug - \$1,926

MO TION GEF-13- W-14 by Celis

Approve all of the consent items.

Second: Lesser

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Clean-up Crew

Clover said that the Clean-up Crew was an application that she was not aware of before it was turned in. She said the team heard it from a professor. She said that this project was the least complete application, which is why she has more questions. She said that there would be three recycle bins on campus with monster tops that would burp or laugh when people use them. She said that the team would like to video record people's reaction. Clover recommended that both of these projects be approved pending that the applicants make some changes. She said she would like them to think more about metrics and measurability. She also said that she would like their permission established. She said their stakeholder is the recycling staff. Wang wondered where the team would be installing the recycle bins. Clover said that she is not sure and that it would need to be approved by Facilities Management. Majkut said that it seems that the team is using trash and recycle interchangeably. Clover said that the emphasis would be recycling. She said that other concerns about quality insurance such as it being water proof, durability of the recycle bins, and the camera. She said that she would like to see a prototype before it is installed. Majkut clarified that Clover is asking for the committee to approve the funds and then have Clover figure out the issues. Clover said that she would like the team to fix the problems and then she can bring the project as a consent item for next meeting. Selvey said that the locations of the bins should be considered so they do not disturb students studying or classes. Clover said that the Recycle Coordinator will know ideal, high traffic location and are currently considering Red Square. Normoyle is very excited for this project. Celis said that the project should find a way to track the number of people who are using it. Wang said that if they are going to film people, then they need consent. Lesser said that maybe a sign can be there to inform people.

B. Sock Monkey Magic

Clover said this was a very interesting project. She said that the project was proposed as a community service project with a sustainable component. She said the team is trying to tie in social equity. She said that the group did not mention the social equity component in the relevant sections of the application, rather they focused more on the community service aspect. Clover said her and Vidana discussed the possibility of having speakers come to present on social equity. She said that she would like this team to re-write their application to discuss more sustainability and to discuss the speaker series. She said the project wants to provide between \$50-100 to each speaker. Clover said that the project is also buying new socks, but with sustainable materials. Wang liked the projects' element of creativity. Normoyle liked that the projects related to many different elements of sustainability. Olivier said that she appreciates that this project is giving back to the community. Majkut said that it is problematic to pay a faculty person to speak especially if it is in their field. He said that the third speaker from Seattle would be fine, but that it is a special process for a university employee. He said that this project could have a film component as well. Normoyle said that short videos of each project are already being considered and that it would be her project for next quarter. Clover said the goal would be to have everything by the Monday after break.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Room for improvement

Clover noted some ideas to improve the next application process. She said that one of the groups asked about office hours. She said that office hours in the academic setting seem more inviting and that she would like to set office hours for the next application period. She said that she would also like to have a library workshop series so she can help inform people and that she has already talked to the library about this. Clover said that Vidana also wants to set up 30 minute meetings with him before the applications are turned in. She said that spring quarter will be mostly focused on anything further on large grants, a one-time review for small grants, and evaluation of small grants. Majkut suggested a GEF fieldtrip to look at all project sites. Savinski appreciated that the small grant projects stretch over many departments. She said that it will reach out to more students that way. Celis said that this program will continue to grow, which is really exciting. Lesser said that W numbers should not be public and requested that they be taken down. He suggested that either the applications not ask for them or keep them private. Savinski said that she would make sure to take them down. Savinki said that she is proposing next quarter meetings for Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30. She said that she is really proud that the committee has met 2 out of the 3 of the goals that were set.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

VIII. ADJOURN

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:32p.m.