



SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND COMMITTEE

Friday, January 27th, 2017, 8:00 AM. VU 460

Members: Present: Wayne Rocque (ASVP for Student Life), Mary Moeller (ASVP for Business and Operations), Greg McBride (Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities), Anna Kemper (Environmental & Sustainability Programs Director), Seth Vidana (Sustainability Manager for Western), Johnathan Riopelle (Sustainable Action Fund Grant Coordinator), Jasmine Goodnow (Faculty Representative), and Keiko Betcher (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator).
Absent: Kristen Tarr (Student at Large) and Izzy Juell (Student at Large)

Advisor: Greg McBride

Secretary: Cora Cole

Guests:

MOTIONS

S AF -17-W -1 Approval of last meetings minutes. Passed.

Wayne Rocque called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

I. Introductions

II. Amendments to the agenda: The Action item regarding a funding request was removed because the ESC and OC found funding through the appropriate course.

III. Approval of the minutes

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Motion to approve minutes from the last meeting

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

IV. Guest Speakers

a. Julia Henson

- i. **John Francis to WWU:** Julia introduced the proposal by telling us all about John Francis, who in the 1960s after witnessing an oil spill in the Bay Area, took a vow to not use any fossil fuels for 22 years. Later he took a vow of silence on the subject, beginning to talk again in the late 80s in order to spread his message. The theme is how we treat each other is how we treat the planet. The Western Earth Day theme is turning empathy into action and there will be several speakers from different areas on campus

and John Francis will be the final speaker and afterwards he will be leading students on a walk of silence down to the Farmers Market where he will have a community Q and A. His speaking fee is \$11,00 and the overall request amount from the SAF is \$11,400. The tickets for students will cost \$2 per ticket, because the box office charges \$1 per ticket. They are expecting 350 attending, selling out the Multi-Purpose Room, as there are no other locations they could reserve, but they will be livestreaming and screening it. The committee discussed how the similar event last year, Dr. Shiva, had worked and what lessons could be applied from that.

Professor Goodnow asked how the rubric would be incorporated in the discussion of the event. They talked about community impact and long term impact, with the size of the venue. Julia and Anna said that having the live cast and the community Q and A would allow the message of the speaker to reach a larger number of people, increasing impact. They talked about making tickets free but the required box-office cost makes that cumbersome and the limited number of seats means that they want to make sure that people don't buy a ticket and then not use it.

- ii. A Change of Course- How We Inhabit the Earth:** Julia again introduced the proposal, this time a panel on April 6th put on by the ESP, office of Sustainability, and Social Issues Resource Center. There will be five speakers, Ariel Derringer, Gitz Crazyboy, Shan Sparling, Jovan Femanders, and Jill Macintyre-Witt. The purpose is to change the discussion of sustainability on campus to extend to social and economic sustainability. The speakers all work on environmental activism in different ways; Jovan does photography of people of color in nature, Ariel and Gitz are both indigenous activist against Canadian tar-sands, Shan works with Ragfinery in Bellingham and Jill is an environmental activist. The target audience is anyone interested in activism, artists, and folks interested in sustainability and environmentalism. Total estimated cost is \$16,350 and the individual speaker fees are Ariel and Gitz around \$5,000, Jovan \$1500, Shan \$2,000 and Jill \$200 honorarium because she is faculty, \$1,000 for food, \$500 for panel moderator and other costs for reservation and publicity. The total cost they are asking from the SAF is \$9,200. The other funds are going to come out of the Large event fund.

Mary asked what other events like this we had had on campus, Julia said that the Womxn of Color Speak Out event last year had been similar in size and format, they had four activists from Seattle and it was one of the biggest events last year. They had held it in Artzen 100 last year. Mary said she liked the cross departmental aspect as well as response to community demand. They are going to be doing reach out by contacting departments to share event as well as inter-AS publicity and some posters around

campus. Professor Goodnow asked Julia to consider telling professors about the conference a couple weeks before the beginning of spring quarter so they could reserve the date in their syllabus if they so wished, for student extra credit. Julia agreed and said they would start publicity and outreach as soon as the committee makes a decision on the funding.

Wayne decided that since the discussion of proposals had taken a while, it might be best if there was a meeting next week to work on the rubric. The committee agreed, although the meeting might have to be informal because not everyone can make it. There will be minutes for the discussion provided and the proposed grants will be seen as action items on the tenth of February.

Wayne Rocque adjourned the meeting at 11:09 PM.