



# SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND COMMITTEE- NOTES

Friday, February 3rd, 2017, 8:00 AM. VU 460

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

**Advisor:** GregMcBride  
**Secretary:** CoraCole  
**Guests:**

The Group did not have quorum, so the discussion was an informal one.

## I. Discussion Items

- a. **Rubric:** Wayne said that one of Professor Goodnow's concerns with the rubric was the number of items being hefty. He asked Greg what the past problems have been and Greg said that there hadn't really been a rubric, just a score sheet, which didn't really have guidelines for new members or applicants. This had meant that it was hard to weigh different kinds of sustainability in projects. Anna asked if there was a cutoff point for projects that don't meet much of the criteria and Greg said that there wasn't a specific point because of the relativity of the committee, but that the rubric ought to be able to give us an idea of where to cut things off. The long term versus short term of impacts will be relative to every person using the rubric/project which Anna said could be helped by an introduction to the rubric for committee members, similar to Professor Goodnow's desire for an introduction for applicants. Keiko said that if we want the process to be made more smooth, then shortening the rubric might be helpful. John suggested that we just have it express whether a project "meets or doesn't meet" a particular criterion. Anna said that having that set up for some of the items might be helpful. The committee looked at the Wisconsin Rubric and discussed the pros and cons of doing a scoring method and then looked at the SUNY Orange Rubric to assess its value in description of criteria. Keiko recommended taking out the stakeholder contract in our rubric and making that a more binding contract and having that be something that people fill out before they come to the SAF. Greg said he wasn't sure that it would be something that the committee should/could handle. He then suggested that we write down what the criteria are.  
Student leadership: We need to have a definition of what it would mean to meet the criteria. Greg suggested that some items become shrunk down items,

The committee looked at the SUNY rubric to discuss the question they have about long term impacts and solvency of a proposal, rather than have that as a rubric point they have a yes or no question and the group wanted to adopt that item. Wayne asked what other items we can do that with, and they looked at some of the other items on the current rubric draft.

Keiko asked what matching funds referred to, and Greg said that it meant that a department or other actor was helping with funding for the project. Greg suggested that we combine the campus and community engagement with social impact and talk about the social impacts to the area at large.

Cora suggested drawing up a draft of the rubric with some of the suggested edits to present at the next meeting, which the committee could then edit from there.

Anna mentioned that the Student Technology Fee Committee has been talking about using some surplus funds for solar panels on campus. And the students she has spoken were interested in doing it off campus and would like to further work on that project. They are hoping for it to be a large project that uses a large part of the reserve and Anna will talk about it to the rest of the committee at the next meeting. Greg said that melding funds with the STF would be cool, but spending them off campus might be concerning. The next time the architects for the ESC come in they will be talking about sustainable design and we could also invest some of the solar funds there. Greg and Anna talked for a while about the potential buildings to be renovated.

*The committee left the meeting at 9:05.*