



# SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND COMMITTEE

Monday, April 17th, 2017, 9:00 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), Johnathan Riopelle (Sustainable Action Fund Grant Coordinator), Jasmine Goodnow (Faculty Representative), Keiko Betcher (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator), and Jacob Keith (Student at Large).*  
*Absent: Izzy Juell (Student at Large)*

**Advisor:** Greg McBride

**Secretary:** Cora Cole

**Guests:**

## MOTIONS

**SAF-17-S-1-6** Approval of minutes from February 10th, 17th, 24th. March 3, and 10th. April 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Passed.*

**S AF -17- S-X** Online Approval of the Bike Counter Project. *Approved*

**Voting on project with E-Vote on Friday finished the afternoon of the 17th.**

*MOTION SAF-17-S-X by Rocque*

Motion to approve the conceptual application by the Bike Counter Project

Second: NA Vote: 6 - 0 - 0 Action: Passed

**Wayne Rocque called the meeting to order at 9:05.**

### I. Approval of the Minutes

*MO TION SAF-17-S-1 by Rocque*

Motion to approve the minutes from February 10th

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

*MO TION SAF-17-S-2 by Rocque*

Motion to approve the minutes from February 17th

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

*MO TION SAF-17-S-3 by Rocque*

Motion to approve the minutes from February 24th

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

*MO TION SAF-17-S-4 by Rocque*

Motion to approve the minutes from March 3rd

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

*MO TION SAF-17-S-5 by Moeller*

Motion to approve the minutes from March 10th

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

*MOTION SAF-17-S-6 by Kemper*

Motion to approve the minutes from April 3rd

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

NOPE

## **II. Discussion Items**

- a. Upcoming Projects:** Electric Vehicle Charging Station team is waiting for some more estimates but we might see a final presentation on May 1, Facilities might get back to Johnathan with some additional estimates by this Friday. There is another group that might be presenting this quarter, they are all seniors so their conceptual application presentation will be this month. We might also may see a conceptual application for the outback coordinator for outback farm sometime in May. Additionally, there might be another rubric getting worked on for telling when the SAF team is at capacity and dealing with that overload, so they may not be able to take on very many more
- b. Rubric:** Wayne asked Johnathan and Keiko to give some explanation of how projects come to the office and start approval. Keiko said she sees the first half of that process, anyone who is interested comes to an idea lab where she walks them through the process and then sends them along Johnathan or Spiro. Johnathan said that Johnathan said he functions as an initial filter or bottleneck, Keiko and Spiro do more of the outreach in fall quarter, getting students to apply. There are also classes like Jasmine's that introduce students to the process. They then split into large grant and small grant and follow those paths as well. They are also seeing more projects that work on non-environmental sustainability as well, like the project upcoming from Free The Toiletries, which certainly meets some groups definitions of sustainability but what the committee thinks is still up for discussion. Wayne then asked the committee which projects would come through the SAF, Greg said we should look at some events and some of the ones from the committees early years, Jasmine asked to run some speakers through because we've been seeing more for them. He asked is there had been some expensive ones, Johnathan said the PAC and Keiko said the Solar Panels for on top of Huxley went two times over budget. Wayne asked if we need to bring in a lot of smaller projects or if our projects Mary said we shouldn't ignore them but starting with 2 or 3 ought to be fine. Greg suggested we have Johnathan or Keiko inflate a weird old project to see how that goes, the complexity is a kind of thing that goes into the project analysis as well as budget, he used the aquaponics as an excuse.  
**Anna Kemper entered at 9:20 AM and the committee rushed to approve the minutes while we had quorum.**
- c. Budget:** Jasmine asked how much is generated annually from course fees, are things being paid into it every year other than the GEF. Keiko said that it depends on the year, the only cost that we have that's consistent is the Renewable Energy

Credits. Approximately \$200,000 is generated annually from student fees. Greg and Johnathan explained the sources of the budget, essentially we approve the operating budget on an annual basis and on top of that is the \$200,000 a year for projects, which is and . The leftovers stay in the SAF to be used next year, rolling over. It goes up and down based on enrolment, so in spring you can guess what it will look like next year. Mary asked what the size of the reserve. Johnathan said that we don't have reserves but we have \$600,000 unallocated right now. There are, of course, reoccurring expenses in the terms of salaries and we have some projects coming up, but nothing as big as some of the stuff we have seen in the past. Mary said that talking to Alec in May about budget- she's going to have the VP of Business and Operations meet with editor of Western Front to let students know what's going on with finance, she and Wayne might have the SAF be a part of that as well. Wayne said that he wants the SAF to reach more people but he does want to be conscientious of the capacity for the office to deal with projects. Greg asked about the sunset for projects, Johnathan said that the theoretical yearlong deadline gets extended pretty liberally and going forward he would like to maybe establish annual deadlines to create more awareness and get projects done sooner. He added that access is aided by ease, we need to have quorum and move forward, because that makes the large grant easier to get. How do we reevaluate the small grant ease, do we raise the bar for small grants cost or do we say that some types of projects are always small grants even when they are greater than \$5,000.

- d. SAF Office Small Project Reports:** Several small projects have come into the office this quarter, Johnathan described.
- e.** Two weeks ago they approved the project Micro-Adventures, which is a means of expanding access to outdoor experience to underserved groups. Micro-Adventures aimed to overcome the historical barriers that non-white dudes face in that by hosting 5 local excursions that specifically reach out to those communities. Seth and Johnathan saw that as pretty clearly as expanding sustainability. The program ended up with a \$4,900 end cost. Jasmine, the advisor, added that local adventure is more environmentally sustainable than distant. Greg added that, technically, if a committee member is invested in a project the project has to come to committee. Johnathan offered to bring it to committee as a Point of Order in two weeks, Wayne said we can do it next week to get that information out as soon as we can.
- f. Another Food System is Possible:** There was a grant of \$3,500 for providing travel and lodging for a panel, including Dr. Dorsey who is interested in creating a food system that works with and empowers migrant farm workers. The event was this Saturday for 5 hours and it fell within several pillars of sustainability. The honorariums were the most that could be done in the university policy because
- g. The Real Food Challenge:** the university has recently signed on with the real food challenge, an organization that focuses on getting local, organic food on the campus cafeteria tables. The cost for the lodging and food for the RFC guests was \$2,600. That event was the weekend before last and students from all over campus and the state were invited and Anna Kemper attended and said it was a fun time.

*Wayne Rocque adjourned the meeting at 9:56 am.*

