



# SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND COMMITTEE

Monday, April 24th, 2017, 9:00 AM. VU460

**Members:** *Present: Wayne Rocque (ASVP for Student Life), Mary Moeller (ASVP for Business and Operations), Greg McBride (Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities), Johnathan Riopelle (Sustainable Action Fund Grant Coordinator), Jasmine Goodnow (Faculty Representative), Keiko Betcher (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator), Jacob Keith (Student at Large) and Jose Rios-Sanchez (student at Large).*

*Absent: Anna Kemper (Environment & Sustainability Programs Director) and Izzy Juell (Student at Large).*

**Advisor:** Casey Hayden was present in place of Greg McBride

**Secretary:** Cora Cole

**Guests:**

## MOTIONS

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**Approved the MicroAdventures Small Grant. Passed**

*Mary Moeller called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.*

### **I. Introductions**

- a. Because there was a new student at large, people went around the meeting doing introductions.

### **II. Discussion Items**

- a. **Sample project:** Mary pulled up the project application for electric utility vehicle on the projector and members looked at the rubric.

**Wayne Rocque entered at 9:08 am.**

Wayne asked how this met people's expectations, Mary said that it would be a 6-7 in terms of the Environmental Impact because it is university wide, Jasmine said it might be smaller because the impact is really just for a department. Wayne asked Johnathan and Keiko to elaborate on the environmental impact, Johnathan interpreted the application to impact creation and use of one vehicle but might also empower students to do more work. Because there are three utility vehicles on campus, if the vehicle is a third of the use on campus that could be beneficial, but getting more of them done is a long way off. The project is going to be more than a year behind by the time it is finished. Wayne said that the project is definitely a 1-5 range because it isn't huge to campus. Mary and Johnathan agreed that it could be a 4 or 5 because it is a service that effects campus, and a department that serves all of campus. There was discussion of the effectiveness of the rubric's "Does Not Yet Meet" category because it scores a 0 but had very small impact. Jasmine pointed out that we say net negative impact in

social impact but not in any other category. Johnathan added that in the pre-committee part of the process they have to outline what they will do to meet the most bare requirements, meaning it might make more sense to have that section be scored as a one or 2.

Wayne asked if anyone could see a social impact, Mary said it provided education. The rubric specifically mentioned on campus social sustainability, she added that having impact on campus shouldn't be on the rubric. There was then a discussion on if the rubric should define social and environmental impact, and if so, how. The definitions need to be pretty loose in order to be flexible from project to project. Keiko said we should include health in the definition of social impact. Moving on to the economic impact, Johnathan added that the costs for this project would be higher but any of the following vehicles would be much cheaper because of the investment. Facilities management is working closely with the students on the project to make sure it will work well, there are not however any additional funding options. Wayne said that based on the ease of maintenance he would like to take on the cost as a fund. Jasmine suggested adding an educational element to the rubric.

**Anna Kemper entered at 9:35 am. The committee upon getting quorum decided to vote on the Microadventures application. So moved, Jasmine Goodnow left at 9:39.**

### **III. Action Item**

#### **a. Micro adventures Application.**

Wayne asked if anyone had questions about the projects. Jose mentioned that he had not had the chance to read about the project, so Johnathan gave him a rundown of what it hopes to do and described the outreach that the student groups will be doing and the assessment. Wayne explained why this project was coming to the committee instead of the office.

#### ***MO TION SAF-17-S- 7 by Rocque***

Motion to approve small project Microadventures

Second: Moeller                      Vote:4 - 0 - 1                      Action: passes

#### ***Wayne Rocque adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am***

After adjourning the meeting a couple people made suggestions to the secretary on amendments to the Rubric.