



SUSTAINABILITY ACTION FUND COMMITTEE

Monday, March 3rd, 2017, 9:00 AM. VU567

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), Keiko Betcher (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator), Jacob Keith (Student at Large) and lzzy Juell (Student at Large).
Absent: Anna Kemper (Environmental & Sustainability Programs), Seth Vidana (Sustainability Manager for Western), Keiko Betcher (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator), and lzzy Juell (Student at Large).*

Advisor: Greg McBride
Secretary: Cora Cole
Guests:

Wayne Rocque called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. There wasn't quorum so the committee continued as an informal discussion.

I. Introductions

We did introductions with names, pronouns, and what we did over break.

- II. **Amend agenda:** Wayne amended the agenda, putting the approval of minutes and the action item at the end of the agenda, so that the committee could vote on them if we made quorum and if not, there could be an online vote. He also changed the rubric discussion item to be discussing goals for next quarter.

III. Discussion Items

- a. **Bringing Items to Committee:** So far, we have been running into problems with a specific student, this presents the opportunity for the committee to look at the process we use for approving projects. The Project Refill did not meet the minimum standard for getting a project funded and thus lost all support from the committee. Johnathan said the lingering issue was that Project Refill had gotten conceptual approval in January 2016, never received a final application, and blocked the SAF office from seeing any amendments to the project google drive. They wanted to come to the committee without meeting with the SAF team. They have been removed from consideration because they don't meet the requirements but the refusal to meet with advisors about concerns is also troubling. He has reached out to the administration but will not have any SAF support in that process, they are always welcome to look for other funding mechanisms. Wayne asked if there is a way to reaffirm our policy, Mary

said that reaffirming might not be necessary because this is such an outlier and the social contract students have is likely to check against this kind of problem. Professor Goodnow explained the way that she requires students to fulfil a checklist to participate in an internship, this creates a kind of contract, which is beneficial and she thinks it will be necessary again in this committee. Wayne said that, going forward, we will hold students to the standards set in their conceptual application more strictly, in terms of having an advisor and team members,

- b. Rubric goals for spring quarter:** From now to mid-quarter, we will meet every other week to run projects through the rubric, and edit it accordingly. If anyone has a project that they are interested in using, they should bring it into the committee. Johnathan said that it sounded like a good idea.

Mary said that she would like more transparency about the small projects that the SAF Office approves, which do not ever come to committee. Johnathan said he would bring a summary of projects from last quarter to the committee at the next general meeting, to let us know what had happened. Mary clarified that she would like to see them as consent items, because we are stewards to student fee money, and that would be more consistent with the role that the AS plays in approval of spending. Greg McBride pointed out that the small grants are, according to the SAF language, supposed to be brought to the Committee for conceptual approval, as they come up. Johnathan and Wayne discussed when to bring items to committee, they decided on having a SAF office report as part of every general SAF meeting, with consent items, as needed.

Greg would like to see the fiscal budget for next year brought to committee before the end of the quarter, in order to manage reserves. Wayne also brought up more student voices in the committee, either by more positions or through other means of involvement.

Wayne Rocque adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am