



Western Washington University Associated Students
Sustainable Action Fund Committee

Monday, December 4th, 2017

4:00 PM VU 460

Members:

Present: Annie Gordon (ASVPfor Student Life), Alex LaVallee (ASVPfor Business and Operations), Greg McBride (Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities), Katie Winkelman (Environmental & Sustainability Programs Director), Johnathan Riopelle (AS Sustainable Action Fund Grant Program Coordinator), Kate Rayner Fried (AS Sustainable Action Fund Education Coordinator), Jasmine Goodnow (Faculty Representative), Crow Chloupek (Student at Large), and Pauline Mogilevsky (Student at Large).

Absent: Scott Dorough (Rep from Business and Financial Affairs) and Jordan Lucia (Student at Large)

Advisor: Greg McBride

Secretary: Chloe Callahan

Guests: Gwen Lamed

Motions:

SAF-17-F-6	Approval	of the In-Dorm Composting conceptual application. Passed.
SAF-17-F-7	Approval	of the Sustainability, Period conceptual application. Passed.
SAF-17-F-8	Approval	of The Future of Waste at Western conceptual application. Passed.

Annie Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:08 PM.

I. Introductions

II. Action Items

a. In Dorm Composting conceptual application

Gordon recapped that this was to have compost bins in the residence halls and individual rooms and the cost was for the bins. Winkelman said she liked this proposal. Goodnow asked if the university was going to save money from the reduction in landfill, could the university put \$5,000 toward the proposal. McBride said the need for the grant to continue would require the university to purchase composting bags each year. The team would need to further analyze the future costs and what network would provide that future sustainability and operations of this proposal. Rayner-Fried said the team was working with University Housing to operationalize the costs in the future.

MOTION: SAF-17-F-6 by Winkelman

Approval of the In-Dorm Composting conceptual application.

Second: Chloupek Vote: 6-0-0 Action: **Passed**

b. Sustainability, Period Event conceptual application

Gordon recapped the event would provide education on sustainable menstrual products and provide attendees with these sustainable menstrual products. The team was also in collaboration with sustainable companies related to the topic. Pauline thought the grant money would help them be better than last year. Winkelman stated she would be abstaining from the vote because they worked with one of the stakeholders.

MOTION: SAF-17-F-7 by Winkelman

Approval of the Sustainability, Period conceptual application.

Second: Chloupek Vote: 5-0-1 Action: ***Passed***

c. Big Belly conceptual application

Gordon recapped the proposal stating there were currently Big Bellies in Red Square but the group was hoping to expand this throughout campus. The committee had discussion before about whether this was a continuation of the pilot grant or whether the university should be funding this. She said that she felt this could fit into the pilot. Winkelman said that the proposal was a high upfront cost, and would take restructuring funds for the university to figure out how to pay for it. However, the university would end up operationalizing this process, the Sustainable Action Fund would just be funding the upfront cost. Tavailee said they would like to hear more from the Recycling Center about their costs and how they would be effected by the implementation of the Big Bellies. He said the person he talked in the Recycling Center seemed to have a negative perspective of the Big Bellies. Winkelman said that the Big Bellies were a new program and she could understand how having to adjust their current process could be frustrating. McBride stated the committee should be mindful about making assumptions about the Recycling Center's process and thoughts about the proposal. Rayner-Fried said she saw this project as an implementation of a comprehensive system for the campus and would help with the collaboration of the stakeholders. Riopelle stated the university had a diverging system, so this would bring consistency. Goodnow said she felt this was a continuation of the pilot and once the university saw the success of these it will be hard for them to not implement the Big Bellies everywhere.

MOTION: SAF-17-F-8 by Winkelman

Approval of The Future of Waste at Western conceptual application.

Second: Tavailee Vote: 5-0-1 Action: ***Passed***

III. Information Item

a. Point of Intervention conceptual application

Tamed informed the group of her other team members Danica Kilander and Hugo Sanchez that were unable to attend the meeting. She mentioned the Tinear Consumption Economy follows the path extraction, production, distribution, consumption and disposal. The points of intervention propose that resistance, redesign, regulation, redistribution, reuse and repair would help this

Linear Consumption Economy model. She stated the Points of Intervention Tour speakers would be Junior Walk, Amira Odeh-Quinones, Pashon Murray, Ahmina Maxey, and a local representative of B Corp. Larned said the event would be bringing the speaker series to Western, with catering provided and the event would be held in Carver mid-April. She said along with the event they would be doing a Stuff Swap, similar to the clothing swap, but not limited to clothing. They anticipated about 300 students for each part of the event, so around 600 students overall. She said PLAN was asking for \$13,000 to bring the speakers to campus, this included: the speaker fees, travel and lodging expenses. In addition they requested \$3,500 for space reservation, catering, advertising, raffle prizes and other expenses. The proposal came to a total of \$16,500. She said the event aligned with the Sustainable Action Fund by providing education on the Linear Consumption Economy model, they would include sustainable Western clubs to inspire students to be engaged on campus. The hope was to help students think more consciously about their behaviors. PLANs mission statement for the event was “to empower young people to realize their individual skills and passions as essential parts to a collective solution.” Larned asked for questions. McBride asked if the group already had a reservation for Carver and what they would use if they could not get a reservation. Larned said for the speaker series they had plenty of options with large lecture halls on campus. She said the only issue would be with the Stuff Swap, their back up might be Red Square or the Ree Center. McBride said getting into Carver will be very challenging the following quarter. Winkelman stated there was a maximum of 40-50 people at one time for the Clothing Swap, so the group could use a smaller space such as, the Miller Hall collaborative space. Goodnow asked if Larned could explain how the speakers were presenting, panel or speaker series. Larned said she believed it was a series for a few hours, but was not sure. Goodnow asked if they could speak in classes that day as well. Larned said she was hoping to engage the speakers all day. McBride said the team could negotiate that portion in the contracting phase. Goodnow wanted to know more about how much the \$13,500 got the university. Winkelman asked if after speakers presented individually, could they do a panel together. Lavallee asked where the raffle money was going. Larned said the raffles were incentives for people to attend the event and the team planned to provide students tools they could use to implement zero waste into their personal lives.

IV. Point of Order

a. Memo regarding decision to not restrict small grant budget

Gordon stated this memo was discussing small grants and whether or not to set a budget cap for Riopelle and Seth Vidana.

Riopelle said he did not place a limit on the amount of small grants that could be approved by Vidana and himself, the cap had always been in place in the past. He stated the question had always been why the committee and students have influence over small grants and the answer was the committee already had a big agenda, so they would not be able to handle small and large grants. He stated students had input on small grants, through Spiro Pappas and

Rayner Fried, both students that are critical in helping projects come into the Sustainable Action Fund system and determine viability of the projects. They also provide opinions on the projects before submitting them to Vidana and Riopelle. Riopelle mentioned the cap was in place to make sure him and Vidana did not exceed their authority. He stated they have not approved any small grants this year. He said his biggest concern was if they reached the budget cap and then inhibited student access to the funds because the committee would not have time. Chloupek asked if they set a limit that year. Riopelle said he did not. McBride said the previously \$40,000 cap on small grants was a budgeting tool and if Riopelle needed more he could come to the committee and ask for an increase in the cap. He stated the cap was never a hard cap and the history of committee was very conservative in spending. Lavallee was concerned that all students had access to the information from the committee about their choices, but not with the small grants. He asked without the cap could there be documentation of the proposals and a statement of why the small grant was or was not approved. He felt the small grants were not transparent enough to the student body and suggested a record of the small grants and the validation of the decision. Winkelman stated what students were there to keep the student funds in check without a cap. She mentioned the committee did not need to do all grants both large and small because they don't have time, but felt the committee should receive a recap on what happened to the small grants. McBride said small grants used to come to the committee as consent items to provide transparency to the student body. Riopelle said there was one small grant approved the previous Friday. So the committee had not seen the grant yet on the agenda yet. Rayner-Fried stated maybe the issue should be focused on what student involvement looks like for small grants, separate from the cap.

Annie Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:03 PM.