



# SUSTAINABILITY, EQUITY, AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

April 22th, 2020

9:00am

Microsoft Teams

Present: Trever Mullins (ASVP for Sustainability); Kelsey Leppke (ESP Director); Emily Gerhardt (ASVP for Student Services); Christina Ngo (SAIRC Marketing and Assessment Coordinator); Soumya Ayelasomayajula (ESC Assistant Director for Logistics); Grace Wang (Environmental Studies Chair); Grace Wang (Environmental Studies Department Chair); Leigh Chaffey (Student at-Large); Alexis Blue (Assistant Director for Facilities Development); Shannon Sandberg (SEJF Project Coordinator); Turner Campbell (SEJF Project Coordinator); Johnathan Riopelle (SEJF Program Coordinator); Greg McBride (Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities)

Secretary: Jude Ahmed (Executive Board Assistant)

Guest(s):

***Mullins called the meeting to order at 9:00am***

- I. Introductions**
- II. Revisions to Agenda**
- III. Approval of Minutes**
- IV. Spring Quarter SEJF Budget**

Riopelle goes over the shift in the SEJF Budget due to the pandemic and changes to the fees but the numbers will be revised once enrollment is confirmed. All of the fees were asked to consider what reductions would be feasible and appropriate at this time. For the Spring, the fees were reduced by two dollars and they are still looking at what changes may be made for the next few quarters as well. One thing critical for this committee was maintaining commitments that were made to projects, even to large grant abstracts. However, due to cancellations of all travel related and large events there were quite a few canceled projects which returned funds. There are three encumbered funds and Riopelle thinks they will see the Free the Toiletries and Leadership in Sustainability

Certificate brought to the committee this quarter for grant approval, in which they can go forward with the grant or the committee can return the money to the fund if not approved. The current available budget is \$54,296 for this quarter.

Ayelasomayajula asks with the current circumstances, how many projects should the committee expect to see or fund? Campbell is currently supporting the Anerobic Digester large abstract and Sandberg is working with two grants this quarter. Wang asks if the October event is part of the Free the Toiletries grant or separate. Sandberg says that they are separate but both about menstrual equity.

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **a. Feedback**

Mullins and Ahmed are putting together a feedback survey with the help of Sandberg that will collect data from the committee in order to help the committee come together to discuss the how to make the committee and grant process flow easily as well as to collect feedback on how the committee perceives the grant process. While it will be anonymous, Mullins does want to have the committee come together and set aside time to review feedback and suggest possible solutions and changes. Mullins invites the program to send ideas for questions for the survey, since this is a good opportunity for the whole committee to collaborate on the development of the committee. Most of the grants will be coming to committee towards the end of May but would like to avoid having a meeting during dead or final week. The committee will be looking at feedback the first week of May and will spend most of the month on that. Riopelle says that there is an urgent grant that is being developed by the Student Basic Needs Committee that is looking to find a meaningful way to support students that have been impacted by the pandemic. This grant may come next week or the week after.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.**