SSC Biweekly Meeting
October 29, 2018 5-6pm
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Student Attendees: Justin Vozzo, Zishen Ye, Joe Edwards, Julia Marsaglia, Adrian Chendra, Prahallad Badami, Ece Gulkirpik, Sarah Gediman

Advisor Attendees: Kristine Chalifoux, Ximing Cai, Morgan White, Cathy Liebowitz

• 5pm: Voting meeting feedback
  • This committee prefers smaller projects, should SSC put a funding cap on requested project?
    i. This cohort of members doesn’t want to limit future cohorts.
    ii. SSC should provide more transparency about the types of projects being funded so applicants can make proposal decisions accordingly.
    iii. SSC could possibly include charts on the website under the ‘criteria’ page so applicants can visualize its funding situation.
  • Should applicants be limited to the number of proposals they can submit during one cycle?
    i. There are often people involved behind the senses.
  • SSC should prioritize student-led projects since only students pay the fee.
  • Add a sentence at the end of the application that informs applicants that funding isn’t a guarantee no matter previous funding decisions or applicants’ attendance at the working groups.
  • Adding a line to the proposal that asks about the applicants’ affiliation to campus.
  • Add a timer to the screen during the voting meeting so people see the discussion time so they can stay on task.
  • Why are applicants applying to SSC instead of other funding sources?
  • Have a cover sheet for one step proposals that summarize the full application
  • Can people on proposals leave the room while voting?
• 5:25pm: The ECEB solar project would like to know if they should resubmit an application for the spring semester if it just includes an educational component for the project
  • Committee would like to see this proposal
  • The applicant should focus on why she is applying to SSC specifically
  • The committee wants to reiterate that SSC receives significantly more requests than they are able to fund. Thus, a sustainable and impactful project may not necessarily get funded.
• 5:35pm: SSC defines sustainability activity
  i. Everyone takes a few minutes to write their personal definition of sustainability
ii. Each committee member shares their personal definition. Some ideas that were shared include: a balance between social, economic, and environmental longevity; living within our resources; positive impacts on others presently and in the future; maximizing resources and feasibility; improving the lives of people we know and we don’t know; growth without using outside resources; optimal efficiency

iii. Committee members read how different entities around the world define sustainability. Some of these entities include: UCLA Sustainability Committee; Bruntland Report; EPA; State of Oregon

- 6pm: End meeting.