

SSC Biweekly Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2018 2-3pm
NSRC 358

Student Attendees: Emmanuel Fadahunsi, Zishen Ye, Joe Edwards, Julia Marsaglia, Adrian Chendra, Prahallad Badami, Justin Vozzo, Sarah Gediman

Advisor Attendees: Morgan White, BK Sharma, Andrew Stumpf, Cathy Liebowitz

- 2pm: Red Bison Micro Grant
 - Asking for funding for landscape equipment.
 - If they didn't get SSC funding, they would do fundraisers, such as bake sales.
 - Motion to approve: (9) approved, (2) abstained, (0) rejected. Micro grant approved to purchase equipment for Red Bison.
- 2:11pm: Update from Sarah about marketing efforts
 - Act Green is organizing a green business panel event next semester. They might be interested in collaborating once they have a clearer vision of what they want the event to be like.
 - SSLC is planning to begin the guest lecture series that we gave them a microgrant for next semester. They want to begin by asking faculty and other people on campus to speak, and are looking for suggestions for potential speakers.
 - SSLC is thinking about working with the International Student and Scholar Services to try to get international students more involved in environmentally oriented organizations through cross-RSO social events.
 - SSLC is working on a social event in December.
 - Roger with SORF would be interested in collaborating on outreach efforts.
 - How can SSC encourage non-sustainability RSOs to care about sustainability?
 - i. Athletics: Focus on the marching band first.
 - ii. Fraternity & Sorority Life: Housing is owned privately so SSC cannot give infrastructure funding. Fraternity & Sorority Life could focus on programs and awareness.
 - iii. Graduate students living on campus: Talk to GEO about what SSC can do for graduate students.
- 2:27pm: SSC's thoughts on distributing loans (instead of grants) to less visible projects (ex. LED upgrades)
 - Some projects have really high number reductions (ex. energy conservation or carbon emissions), but have minimal visibility and student awareness.
 - Applicants should think creatively to increase visibility about more hidden projects.
 - SSC could put a line in the bylaws that requires applicants over \$X to include some areas of outreach.
 - SSC was founded to inspire change towards sustainability. Visibility is part of this puzzle.

- If SSC could get more proposals that have both visibility and impact, then other applicants would be forced to focus on awareness to stay competitive.
- Is it SSC's responsibility to help building upgrades so units can use the funding for other priorities?
 - i. If SSC offers loans, the committee would support the unit's goals, but still leave the financial responsibility on individual units.
- SSC has struggled to get applicants to repay loans in the past.
- SSC would want a MOU to make sure applicants could actually pay the loans back.
- Sending more proposals to RLF after Step 1 could alleviate this overall issue.
- 2:50pm: Discussion about Yale's Carbon Tax
 - UIUC is thinking about implementing a carbon tax based off unit's emissions over the last few years.
 - The university would charge units for the energy they consume.
 - Currently, the university is starting a shadow bill (showing the colleges what would happen if the program had already started).
 - This initiative makes unit's aware about carbon emissions.
 - Students led the charge at Yale, and U of I students could do something similar.
 - SSC could fund a pilot program and some of the initial first steps.
- 3:03pm: End meeting.