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Student Environmental Initiatives Fee Committee Agenda

April 24th, 2018 12:30pm
Black Cultural Center, Room 206

Started at 12:37PM

- I. Welcome - Call to order
 - a. Roll call: Margaret Wiggins, Emily Kraeske, Monica Cope, Carolyn Brown, Terry Ledford, Dan Smith, Jon Shefer, Mike McKinney
- II. Approve of March Meeting Minutes - approved
- III. Updates
 - a. Active FY 16/17 SEIC approved proposals
 - i. *Green Infrastructure – Rain Garden proposal*
 1. Install date scheduled for 4.27.18, waited for after the picnic at the gardens to be over
 - ii. *Request for Photovoltaic and Wind System at Facilities Services Complex*
 1. Wind turbine installed. Connection to grid and live feed to website are the last two action items.
 - iii. *Request for Hand Dryer Install at Haslam Business and Hodges Library*
 1. In monitoring phase through June 2018. A similar but separate project under UT Recycling will install 1034 hand dryers through the summer months. Additional funding may be required sometime during FY 19.
 2. Funded by FS, but might need additional funding by SEIC next year
 - iv. *Sustainability Portal Development*
 1. Database development is complete. Connecting beta site to www.sustainability.utk.edu is underway.
 - b. Active FY 17/18 SEIC approved proposals
 - i. *MABE Thesis Proposal*
 1. Work is underway this semester, will close May 2018.
 2. Thesis defense will be Friday, May 4th at 11, will be presented to the energy task force but is open to the public

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- ii. *Composting Equipment; trackhoe excavator*
 - 1. Complete. Trackhoe excavator is at composting site.
- iii. *An Experiential Learning Project to Create a Green Space*
 - 1. Professors decided to postpone CPDC materials submission to April, setting up a May CPDC presentation.
- iv. *Match Funding for Two Rain Garden Installations at Stokely and BESS*
 - 1. Funding will come from the Student/Design Research line item. Work has begun, however will likely take till June to finish work.
- v. *Bike Sharing Program*
 - 1. Pace is on campus and performing well. Rider data will be shared with OoS this summer.
 - 2. Will be able to get the Net IDs of individuals using it to better target audience
 - 3. New pricing of \$1 per half hour and membership of \$14.50 per month
- vi. *Funding Request for Recycling Station*
 - 1. On 4.20.18 Facilities Fee Oversight Committee asked for revisions to the plan. An email vote this summer by the Facilities Fee Oversight Committee is allowable once clarifications are met and deemed satisfactory by the oversight committee.
- vii. *Alternative Fuel and Electric Vehicles Assistance Program*
 - 1. Approved by Facilities Fee Oversight Committee on 4.20.18. Actively soliciting individuals and departments for FY 18 opportunities.
 - 2. \$100,000 to spend on this FY and next FY
- viii. *Grow Lab Proposal*
 - 1. Approved by Facilities Fee Oversight Committee on 4.20.18. Funds will be released this month to begin surveying and construction this summer.
 - 2. Final budget was just under \$100,000
- ix. *Green Fee proposal for funding of PLAN assessment*
 - 1. Approved by Facilities Fee Oversight Committee on 4.20.18.
- x. *RecSports Outdoor's Adventure Trip Scholarship Program*
 - 1. On 4.20.18 Facilities Fee Oversight Committee asked several clarifications regarding the student selection process. An email vote this summer by the Facilities Fee Oversight Committee is allowable once clarifications are met and deemed satisfactory by the oversight committee.

c. General

- i. Earth Month events are all but complete, last event scheduled for Friday the 27th; Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony.
- ii. REC market pricing has shifted from \$0.53/REC to \$0.90/REC
 - 1. This will most likely not affect our rankings as we expect other schools will not shell out more money for RECs

IV. Discussion

a. FY 2018 Budget

- i. Update to the running budget has been provided to committee members.

1. Questions about revenue versus balance
 2. Make sure this budget is 100% accurate, last year they reviewed all projects from the past 13 years project, possibly do that again
 3. In September Jeff Naples will give us the official dollar amount we can spend during the FY
- b. FY 2019 Budget
- i. Discuss next fiscal year's line items to be approved by Facilities Fee Oversight Committee this summer. The official revenue report will not be released till September 2018.
 - ii. Student internships/AmeriCorps funding should be approved for several years in the future as to not have to go through the process every year/ensure that the programs will continue
 - iii. Alternative vehicle funding of \$100,000 approved for this year and next FY
 - iv. Student conference funding will have more promotions, Carolyn and Dr McKinney will work on getting a list together for students and further promotions
 1. Vol Update blurb
 2. New section on website which clearly highlights all funding opportunities available for student/staff
 - a. Carolyn and Preston will work on this in May/June
 - v. Question about water bottle refill station funding – wanted to clarify if it's Green Fee vs Facilities Funded
- c. Proposals
- i. *Request for Funding to Partially Fund a Post-Doctoral Position for the UTK Green Economy Initiative*
 1. Request for \$41,778 for FY 19 that starts in July. Would slide into black line item to eat into the \$100,000 available
 - a. Three different options for funding it which will be decided later,
 - i. Use the \$35,000 from FY 18 left in the Student Design Research Fund
 - ii. Use part of FY 19 \$100,000 SDRF
 - iii. 3rd option...
 2. This will provide a big service focus to get a sustainable environment, the money would help connect them all
 - a. An extension of the portal but with more Knoxville individuals
 3. He is currently applying for grants, so funding this further years might not be necessary
 4. Dr McKinney moved to approve – it was approved by all
- V. Open Discussion; Comments, Questions, etc.
- a. New SGA President was elected; Preston will be reaching out to them to approve all of the new members via email
 - b. 2017-2018 EIR is out, contact Sustainability Office if you would like any delivered to your department/building on campus

VI. Adjourn