

USF Student Green Energy Fund Council



Friday, November 16, 2018 – SVC 1073

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Council Members

Nainan Desai, Kebreab Ghebremichael, Barbara Bushnell, Chris Marks (Alternate), Robin Rives, Gviana Goldberg, Caroline Yuan, and Harold Bower (Chair)

Absent: Raymond Mensah, George Philippidis, Drew Templeton, Brian Mwaliko (Alternate) Marco Terron-Barretto, Roberto Velasco, and Melody Rainey (Observer).

Observer(s): Gidi Hendrix (Observer)

First Order of Business:

The previous meeting minutes for the meeting held October 19, 2018 were voted and approved. All meeting minutes are posted for the public at <http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/green-energy-fund/meetings/minutes.aspx>.

Financial Update:

Due to the absence of the Director of SA&SS RMD, the financial budget was not produced.

Foundation Funds balance:

590077 (Student Green Energy Operating fund) - \$61

590082 (Carbon Offset Fund) - \$939.47

Public Comment

None.

*Due to a lack of student quorum, those in attendance decided to proceed with business under the understanding that the request would be sent via email for email vote.

Unfinished Business:

- **New SGEF Student Council Members**

Three student members have joined the SGEF Council.

New Business:

- **Recycling Bin Signage (Fast Track Proposal)**

This project will place recycling signage on bins across campus. The signage will clearly display what can and can't be recycled, will display a Green Fact to encourage recycling, and will brand USF's recycling program as "Recycle-a-Bull". This will help to standardize USF's recycling program and will engage students by facilitating an interest in recycling. We currently have very high contamination rates across campus due to a lack of conformity among our bins. This project will encourage students to more actively and properly recycle.

The signage will encourage increased recycling across campus. This will ultimately help to reduce the amount of garbage being produced, which may help to lower waste disposal costs in the future. Additionally, the signage will facilitate a recycling culture on campus, which will help to reduce waste production, littering and associated cleanup costs. This project will not require much maintenance, and therefore will not require additional costs for maintenance personnel. The proposal requested \$4,950.00 from the SGEF.

Council voted and approved the proposal via email on 11/20/2018.

- **MDL LED Lights Project Summary**

The objective of this project is to make USF Health, specifically MDL's Group Learning space and Shimberg Library, a more energy efficient space for students to utilize all hours of the day. In total, a savings of 260,428 Kwh per year, equivalent to 194 metric tons of carbon dioxide waste. This number can also be equated in greenhouse gas emission as 64 tons of waste that can be recycled instead of put into a landfill. This number is also total to a railroad cars' worth of coal burned. Once the lamps are installed, Facilities Management will take on the responsibility of changing out burnt out bulbs for the foreseeable future. The WELL will continue to use the work-order system already in place to inform the necessary party of replacements as well. The cost estimate to be requested will be \$112,212.

Project Summary was approved to move forward as proposal.

Activities Updates

- **Earth Day/Arbor Day Sub-Committee**

Per the October meeting a sub-committee was formed to help organize and plan the upcoming Earth Day/Arbor Day events.

Announcements

- **SGEF Council Member Vacancy**

There is a faculty/staff alternate role and a student SGEF Council vacancy. Please send replacement suggestions to the chair (hbowser@health.usf.edu) or SGEF_Council@usf.edu.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.