

## USF Student Green Energy Fund Council



**Friday, November 18, 2022 – Virtual Teams Meeting**

**Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

### **In attendance:**

#### **Council Members**

Alexis Mootoo (Chair), Mazi Ferguson, , Matthew Mullings, Ray Gonzalez, Ray Mensah, Kebreab Ghebremichael, Faidat Agbaje, Sarah-Nicole Green, Gabriella Davis, Alana Mayott, Carolina Gutfreund

**Absent:** George Philippidis

**Observer(s):** Saviya Jean-Baptiste, Nadine Augustine, Angela Farma, Janna Davis, Anna Beatriz Cortes Machado, Suchi Daniels, Patricia Zamora Diaz, Samuel Beaver, Joey Cipriano, Judy Scavino, Mauro Sempere Sanz, Maria Teruel Echeverria, Whit Remer

### **First Order of Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair Mootoo. Attendance roll call was performed and introductions of new members were made. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Financial Update:**

The council reviewed two financial summary reports: End of Year (EOY) report for 2021-2022 and the financial report for end of October 2023. In 2021-2022, the fund collected \$1.2 million in revenue and had a grand total of \$4.6 million. After reviewing the EOY report, the council voted and approved the financial summary report for 2021-2022.

Next, the council reviewed the end of October 2022 financial report. The cash balance as of 10/31/2022 total \$4.9 million. The uploaded budget total for FY 22-23 total \$533,766 and the encumbrances and actuals total \$ 246,858. The financial report was voted and approved by the council.

K. Ghebremichael raised a concern regarding the timeliness of projects and suggested that projects that are overdue should formally request extensions and present to the council.

R. Gonzalez suggested including project timeframes or completion rates in the financial report.

**New Business: SGEF Member Vacancy**

There is a faculty/staff member vacancy and Chair Mootoo opened the floor for recommendations. M. Ferguson recommended appointing the director of HIPUR, Joy Harris. However, K. Ghebremichael suggested for the council to review the current membership to ensure that all USF areas/units are represented in the council. Therefore, Chair Mootoo requested for recommendations to be emailed to her for review.

**Presentation: Electric Bus Phase II – Angela Farma**

A. Farma presented on the status of the Electric Bus project. This project consists of two phases with the goal of purchasing two electric buses for the USF Tampa campus. A. Farma shared data highlighting the energy savings that have been generated from the current USF Tampa electric bus as well as positive student reviews. The data showed that the first of the project has been a success and therefore the team is ready to implement phase two of the project. In order to purchase the second electric bus, the project team requested the release of the approved funding of \$602,033.

After the presentation, the council approved the release of funds in the amount of \$602,033 for phase two of the project.

**Presentation: Solar Panel Carports**

M. Sempere and M. Teruel Echeverria briefly presented their project idea to construct panels in parking lots. However, due to time constraints, the presentation was tabled and rescheduled for the next SGEF meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.**