

USF Student Green Energy Fund Council



Friday, February 16, 2018 – SVC 1073

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Council Members

Kebreab Ghebremichael, Nainan Desai, Sujit Chemburkar, Chris Marks (Alternate), Gviana Goldberg, Drew Templeton and Harold Bower (Chair)

Absent: Barbara Bushnell, Raymond Mensah, George Philippidis, Lynecce Romelus, Robin Rives, Maria Rodriguez, Aladdin Hiba and Brian Mwaliko (Alternate)

Observer(s): Melody Rainey and Gidi Hendrix (Observers)

First Order of Business:

The previous meeting minutes were noted for the meeting held January 19, 2018. There was not a quorum to vote on approving the minutes. The meeting minutes are sent to the SGEF council via email. All meeting minutes are posted for the public at <http://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/green-energy-fund/meetings/minutes.aspx>.

Financial Update:

Cash balance as of 01/17/2018 is \$2,504,445. Active Projects RSA - prior year awards (\$1,458,295), Active Projects RSA - FY 17/18 awards (\$828,437), projected operational expenses (\$11,394) and the total projected expenses of (\$2,298,126) brings the projected available cash to \$206,318. The FY2018 remaining estimated fee collection is \$100,571. The 10% contingency (\$102,648) and a 5% reserve of (\$51,324) brings the projected available cash to award in FY2018 to \$152,918.

Foundation Funds balance:

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

590082 (Carbon Offset Fund) - \$346

Public Comment

Whitney (student at the College of Public Health) and Lee (student at the College of Sustainability) introduced themselves. They are going to be submitting a food recovery project at the next SGEF Council meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- **Strategic Visioning**

(See attachment)

The Strategic Visioning slide presentation from January's meeting was presented again for any SGEF council members that were not present at the last meeting.

The council will further discuss setting aside \$500,000 for the Strategic Visioning plan. The council also suggested making a list of priority projects and targeting the students that have the most interest in those projects. A package will be brought to the next meeting to vote on.

The council members suggested talking to Orientation to incorporate information about the SGEF when freshman students go through orientation. Gviana will be reaching out to Orientation to see what is needed.

New Business:

- **Earth Day/Arbor Day Marketing Budget Request**

Budget was requested for a total of \$2,500 to use towards marketing/promotional items to giveaway at this year's USF Earth Day. The current budget (\$1,100) is short which is why the request is being made. Email vote was sent to the SGEF council on 2/16/18.

Council voted and approved the budget request.

Activities Updates

- **Earth/Arbor Day**

The Chair has meet with CSI (Center for Student Involvement) and Center for Student Well-Being departments to discuss ways to incorporate Earth Day as a Student Affairs & Student Success yearly event with SGEF funding Earth Day. This year SGEF will be tabling for National Earth Day at Patio Tuesday (4/17/18), Bull Market (4/18/18) and Farmers Market (4/19/18). A ribbon cutting for MSC Solar Panels will also be part of the Earth Day event.

Tree planting for Arbor Day has been set aside in case Patel wishes to sponsor the event. Kebreab will be speaking with the Dean of Patel to confirm Patel's involvement with Arbor Day this year.

- **NBG Promotional Contest**

(See attachment)

The council asked if the NBG promotional contest ideas presented on the attachment were discussed with the project leads since this is originally their project. Drew and Brian will be reaching out to Adam and Sam.

Announcements

- **March 2018 and Summer Meetings**

The March 2018 meeting will be canceled due to spring break. Summer meetings will also be canceled and resume August 2018. Meetings will be held for April and May 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.