USF Student Green Energy Fund Council



Friday, March 11, 2022 – Virtual Teams Meeting Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Council Members

Alexis Mootoo (Chair), Mazi Ferguson, Sharon Hanna-West, George Philippidis, Matthew Mullings, Ray Gonzalez, Ray Mensah, Kebreab Ghebremichael, Nicholas Makarov, Feroze Ali

Absent: Tristen Sheptock, Naren Bollineni, Chris Marks, Makanaka Chahwahwa, Nithin Tejpal Reddy Palyam

Observer(s): Saviya Jean-Baptiste, Kianna Freeman

First Order of Business:

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

Financial Update:

The council reviewed the financial report for end of January 2022. The cash balance as of 1/31/2022 is \$4.619 million. The uploaded budget total for FY 21-22 total \$825,701 and the encumbrances and actuals total \$ 215,090. The financial report was voted and approved by the council.

Unfinished Business: Charter Revision

The council reviewed and approved the amendments to the charter. During the discussion period, the following motions were moved and carried:

Motion: Moved by Sharon Hanna-West and seconded by Kebreab Ghebremichael to remove the following line in Section III of the charter:

"A maximum of 10 percent of the fees collected can be used annually to purchase energy monitoring equipment and related supplies and services, as approved by the SGEF Council, to ensure the efficacy of projects supported by the Fee."

Motion: Moved by Nicholas Makarov and seconded by Shanna Hanna-West to amend the tiered grant system by combining the Medium-Range Grant and Signature Grant tiers into one tier. The new system will comprise of two tiers: Fast Track Mini-Grant and Competitive Grant.

Motion: Moved by Matthew Mullings and seconded by Nicholas Makarov to set a timeline requirement for projects at the time of proposal. Requestor will have to provide the projected end date. Any extensions will have to be approved by the council or grant award will be returned to the Green Energy fund.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.