**GFC MINUTES**

**Date: February 2, 2021**

**Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM**

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair(s):** Francesca Butler, Sarahi Porcayo **Present:** Dathan Powell, Claire Eaton, Tyler Pasley, Francesca Butler, Megan Styles, Brian Beckerman, Chuck Coderko, Elizabeth Bretscher, Joshua Melnick, Sarahi Porcayo, Junfeng Wang, Jennifer Davis, Steven Simpson-Black, Anna Schoenherr, Gless Meehan, Louisa Van Akkeren

**Secretary:** Ellie Bretscher **Absent:** Christina Ryan

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Agenda 2/2/2021 **Presenter:** Francesca

**Conclusions:**

* Motion to approve agenda
* Agenda approved

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from 11/18/2020 **Presenter:** Francesca

**Conclusions:**

* Meeting minutes approved by committee

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Ongoing Business **Presenter:** Francesca

**Conclusions:**

* Approximately $16,823.47 budget this year
* Discussion of full proposals
* Can theoretically approve all of them – we have enough funds!!

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Recycling Bin Labeling -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Tyler

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Put labels on recycling bins in residential areas to tell what you can or cannot recycle - $200 total
* We have the finalized label, has do’s and don’ts of recycling and other resources
* Add in information for type of plastics?

**Action Items:** Tweak design to include plastic **Person Responsible:** Tyler/Green Team

**Agenda Item:** UIS Native Tree Planting -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Replace dying trees on campus with native tree plantings – requesting $2,250 but would appreciate anything
* We approve funding, Grounds will take over from there
* No specific request for amount of funds, but will take what we are willing to give them

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** UIS Garden Rehab -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Claire/Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Make improvements to the UIS Community Garden and greenhouse to increase ventilation and drainage - $2200 but loose budget
* Very important and necessary for function of garden
* Lots of recent student involvement in garden from last semester

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** TRAC Upstairs Filling Station -- **APPROVED**  **Presenter:** Sarah

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Install water bottle filling station upstairs at TRAC – estimated $3200
* Cost estimate from previous years
* Need to check for cost of labor, probably around $1500 - doubles
	+ Offer to pay half of labor cost?
	+ Pay for machine but not for labor?
* **Will plan to vote for just the unit, vote for labor costs after negotiations**

**Action Items:** Communicate with Jay and James  **Person Responsible:** Green Team

**Agenda Item:** UIS Rainwater Capture -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Construction of small hang-out pavilion near Community Garden with gutter-connected rain barrel - around $500
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**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Field Station Canoe/Kayak Rack -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Anna

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Storage rack for canoes/kayaks at the Lake Field Station – rough estimate of $934
* Project may grow in size in the future, but Rec will cover those future costs
* Green Fee Committee Kayaking Day in Spring??? please

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** UIS Indigenous Garden -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Garden centered around plants that were significant to native tribes in the area – around $862.50
* Current plants are focused mainly around Pacific Northwest, work to figure out more plants from this area? Or be sure to indicate that the plants are centered in PNW culture
	+ Talk to Lincoln Memorial Gardens? Reps from native groups?
* Could ask Grounds to select and maintain plants OR Garden Club?

**Action Items:** N/A  **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** BRK Library Green Items -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Provide green items available for rent at BRK Library of Things – around $372
* Has been of interest in semesters past
* Find a way to put label on items identifying them as GFC-funded (publicity!!)

**Action Items:** n/a **Person Responsible**: n/a

**Agenda Item:** Pollinator Garden Kiosk – **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Salome/Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Install signs around campus to give information about native plants and sustainability efforts, Utilize QR codes to give specific info about plants
	+ Estimated $1,288 with 20 small signs and one large kiosk
* Starting price, but possibility of change when company gives more finalized budget
* Will allocate more than requested to remove chance of underfunding

**Action Items:**  **Person Responsible:**

**Agenda Item:** Sunflower Patch -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah/Jennifer

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Create sunflower patch on campus - $1.50-$2.50 per packet of seeds
* 1-2 patches by Community Garden, Brian suggested over by Kiwanis Stadium
* Roughly 20 packs??
* Black Oil Sunflower seeds from Azure.com - $3.30/lb (maybe new provider?)
* Thinking roughly $100

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** UIS Bird Friendly Campus -- **APPROVED** **Presenter:** Sarah

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Install patterns/curtains on windows around campus to decrease amount of collisions from wild birds - $300-500 (early estimate, depends on number of windows modified)
* People will still be able to see through windows, applied to outside of window
* Labor costs may make this plan difficult? Alternatives?
	+ Decals that deter birds?
	+ Ideas from environmental conference from Claire?
* Educational aspects
* Place holder fund: $400 for now, will revise as project develops

**Action Items:** N/A **Person Responsible:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Announcements **Presenter:** Sarah/Fran/Dr. Styles

**Conclusions:**

* All proposals passed!!! Good job all!
* Sustainability Map: posted on Green Projects page, share with everyone
* Earth Awareness Fair Scheduling Zoom Wednesday Feb 10 – Fran sent out email this week

**Action Items:** n/a **Person Responsible:** n/a