**GFC MINUTES**

**Date: March 16, 2021**

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

**Location: Zoom**

**Chair(s):** Francesca Butler, Sarahi Porcayo **Present:** Claire Eaton, Tyler Pasley, Megan Styles, Elizabeth Bretscher, Joshua Melnick, Junfeng Wang, Anna Schoenherr, Francesca Butler, Salome Wartman, Ivette Castanon, Louisa Van Akkeren, Chuck Coderko

**Secretary:** Ellie Bretscher **Absent:** Christina Ryan, Jennifer Davis, Dathan Powell, Brian Beckerman, Gless Meehan, Sarahi Porcayo, Steven Simpson-Black

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Agenda 3/16/2021 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Motion to approve agenda
* Agenda approved

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

**Agenda Item:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2/16/21 **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Meeting minutes approved by committee

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

**Agenda Item:** Ongoing Business **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Introductions – some potential members from next year are here!

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

**Agenda Item:** Recycling Bin Labeling **Presenter:** Tyler

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Put labels on recycling bins in residential areas to tell what you can or cannot recycle - $200 total
* All labels are out! Look at Campus Announcements to see label

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

**Agenda Item:** Native Trees **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Replace dying trees on campus with native tree plantings – requesting $2,250 but would appreciate anything
* Orders placed for trees
* Possible Arbor Day Work Day

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

**Agenda Item:** Garden Rehab **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Make improvements to the UIS Community Garden and greenhouse to increase ventilation and drainage - $2200 but loose budget
* Final meeting with Brian last week – should be completed this semester

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

**Agenda Item:** TRAC Water Bottle Station **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Upstairs water bottle filling station in TRAC
* Funds released, project in motion

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

**Agenda Item:** Rainwater Capture **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Construction of small hang-out pavilion near Community Garden with gutter-connected rain barrel - around $500
* Progress being made

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

**Agenda Item:** Kayak Rack **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Storage rack for canoes/kayaks at the Lake Field Station – rough estimate of $934
* Funds released, rack is ordered
* Work Day TBD

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

**Agenda Item:** Indigenous Gardens **Presenter:** Tyler

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Garden centered around plants that were significant to native tribes in the area – around $862.50
* Meeting with author and modifying to include different plants

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

**Agenda Item:** Library Green Items **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Provide green items available for rent at BRK Library of Things – around $372
* Items have been ordered, figuring out how to label items as GFC funded
* Print smaller graphic identifier?

**Action Items:** Contact about smaller ID **Person Responsible:** Fran

**Agenda Item:** Pollinator Garden Kiosk **Presenter:** 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
* Salome’s project – figuring out design of signs and which plants are getting signs
* In contact with Brian about location for kiosk and next steps

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

**Agenda Item:** Sunflower Patch **Presenter:** Claire

**Conclusions:**

* **Summary:**
	+ Create sunflower patch on campus - $1.50-$2.50 per packet of seeds
* Not much of an update, later in the semester project
* Location decided as Kiwanis Stadium

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

**Agenda Item:** Bird-Friendly Campus **Presenter:** Claire

**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)
* Sarah in process of researching, chugging along and learning a lot about birds

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

**Agenda Item:** T-Shirts **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* T-shirt quote for sustainable shirts would be $561.75
	+ Voted to clear $600 for shirts
* No one pays for T-shirts individually – using GFC funds as an outreach purpose
* Color may be mustard yellow?? Add some razzle-dazzle from the usually green

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

**Agenda Item:** New Business **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Get banner in Union Electronic Sign – Talk to Angela Try (atry2@uis.edu)
* Earth Awareness Fair – April 17th
	+ Register to volunteer with link in Fran’s email (<https://uofi.app.box.com/s/ymrt0n1h9htshj6xvkjpzvqe9fgbjcji> )
	+ Out at Henson Robinson Zoo, very fun!

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

**Agenda Item:** Announcements **Presenter:** Fran

**Conclusions:**

* Garden Work Days coming up! – Register on UIS Connection
	+ March 18, 2021 – 10am-12pm
	+ April 22, 2021 – 4pm-6pm
	+ April 26, 2021 – 4pm-6pm

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