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## ***Environmental Sustainability Mentorship Committee***

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, CTO 6:21pm

Room # Union EG79

Milwaukee

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### ***Roll Call***

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| 1) <i>John McCune- present</i>    | 6) <i>Ben Schenck- present</i>    |
| 2) <i>Ashveer Singh- present</i>  | 7) <i>Dakota Crowell- present</i> |
| 3) <i>Marevi Gaxhaj- excused</i>  | 8) <i>Angie Areizaga- present</i> |
| 4) <i>Alexis McAdams- present</i> | 9) <i>Dave Rasmussen- present</i> |
| 5) <i>Kelsey Lee- excused</i>     |                                   |

#### ***I. Approval of Agenda***

- a. Motion by McAdams, second by Singh. Motion passes unanimously

#### ***II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting***

- a. Motion by Areizaga, second by Singh. Motion passes unanimously

#### ***III. Reports***

- a. None

#### ***IV. Open Forum***

- a. No members of the public present to speak

#### ***V. Special Orders***

- a. None

#### ***I. Old Business***

- i. None

#### ***II. New Business***

- a. **Discussing projects eligible for hearings**
- i. "If you kill the Earth your children will die"
    - 1. Ruled out because it's a joke
  - ii. "Natural Playscape for Hartford Elementary and UWM"
    - 1. Ruled out because it would be for MPS students, not UWM students. Additionally, getting approval from MPS would be extremely difficult, per Kate Nelson.
  - iii. "Architecture for Birds"
    - 1. Ruled out because the request is to fund academic research.
  - iv. "C.Space"
    - 1. Ruled out because it would be on City property and should/would be funded by MCTS.
  - v. "School of Freshwater Green Roof"
    - 1. Arguments for
      - a. Meaningful contribution to green infrastructure in MKE

2. Arguments against
    - a. We wouldn't see it on the main campus
    - b. Part of it seems to be for research
    - c. Not sure exactly what other funding could be available
  3. Vote to grant a hearing- motion by Areizaga, second by Lee.
    - a. For: McCune, Singh, McAdams, Lee, Areizaga, Dave
    - b. Against: Schenck
    - c. Hearing Granted
- vi. "Ecovim Initiative"
1. Arguments for
    - a. Could be helpful in composting in campus kitchens
  2. Arguments against
    - a. Costs too much
    - b. Unclear what is and is not being composted already in campus kitchens
    - c. Little comprehension of how this would be really work expressed by the author.
    - d. McAdams
  3. Vote to grant a hearing- motion by McAdams, second by Lee
    - a. Unanimous vote against a hearing
- vii. "UWM Young Farmers Apprentice Program"
1. Arguments for
    - a. Cool initiative for students at UWM to learn about farming in an urban environment and fighting food insecurity
    - b. Madison has a similar project/org that is very successful
  2. Arguments against
    - a. Not really near the main campus
    - b. Lots of licensing and certification requirements
    - c. Risk of disease if food is not properly handled
    - d. Legal liability
  3. Vote to grant a hearing- Motion by McAdams, second by Rasmussen
    - a. For: McCune, Rasmussen
    - b. Against: Singh, McAdams, Schenck, Areizaga
    - c. Hearing denied
- viii. "UWM Bike Shelter Initiative"
1. Arguments for
    - a. Could motivate more people to bike on campus
    - b. Foster an eco-friendly biking culture at UWM
  2. Arguments against
    - a. Similar project being worked on by another entity so it would not be worth it for the ESMC
    - b. Not confident it really would motivate more students to bike
  3. Vote to grant a hearing- Motion by Alexis, Second by Singh
    - a. For: Mccune, Singh
    - b. Against: McAdams, Areizaga, Rasmussen
    - c. Abstentions: Schenck
    - d. Hearing denied
- ix. "Bathroom Composting"
1. Arguments for
    - a. Could significantly reduce waste
    - b. Possibility of scaling it down to make it more feasible
  2. Arguments against
    - a. There is a lot more to the composting process than is discussed in the proposal
    - b. Ample funding would be required to maintain this project

- c. There needs to be serious buy-in by custodial staff to enforce
  - 3. Vote to grant a hearing- Motion by McAdams, second by Singh
    - a. For: McCune, Singh, Schenck, Areizaga
    - b. Against: McAdams
    - c. Hearing granted
- x. "The Bamboo Pavilion"
  - 1. Arguments for
    - a. Very visible
    - b. Good way to get the word out about the Green Fund
    - c. Easy to implement and fund
  - 2. Arguments against
    - a. No clear purpose or function
    - b. Could come off as a waste of money
  - 3. Unanimous vote to grant a hearing
- xi. "Ban the Bag"
  - 1. Arguments for
    - a. Would be a great educational campaign for students
    - b. Could lead towards a policy change on camps
  - 2. Arguments against
    - a. Plastic bags aren't really a problem at UWM
  - 3. Vote to grant a hearing- motion by Areizaga, second by McAdams
    - a. For: Singh, McAdams, Areizaga, Rasmussen
    - b. Against: McCune, Schenck
    - c. Hearing Granted
- xii. "Solar Picnic Table"
  - 1. Arguments for
    - a. Lots of utility for students
    - b. Highly visible
    - c. Great marketing for the Green Fund
  - 2. Arguments against
    - a. A bit pricy
    - b. Could take lots of time and energy to transport the solar panels. Plus, we would be using this to charge potentially inefficient electronics
  - 3. Vote to grant a hearing- motion by McAdams, second by Singh
    - a. For: McCune, Singh, McAdams, Areizaga, Rasmussen
    - b. Against: Schenck
    - c. Hearing granted
- xiii. Motion to reopen discussion to grant a hearing to "UWM Bike Shelter Initiative" by Areizaga, second by Rasmussen.
  - 1. Vote to grant a hearing- motion by Areizaga, second by Singh
    - a. For: McCune, Singh, Areizaga, Rasmussen
    - b. Against: McAdams
    - c. Abstentions: Schenck
    - d. Hearing granted

### **III. Questions and Concerns**

- a. Availability of the ESMC to Applicants
  - i. Let's talk about making ourselves available to candidates beforehand so we could give feedback to applicants as to avoid disqualifying so many people on technicalities.

### **IV. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Areizaga, second by McAdams. Motion passes unanimously.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm*

