Green Fund Meeting  
March 26th, 2021  
3pm-4pm  
Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID 19 precautionary measures and UArizona meeting policy.

**Meeting begins at 3:04 pm.**

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7 members present. Member Rollins and Member Hurtado absent.
Advisors present: Chrissy Lieberman and Julia Rudnick.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Budget and refunds this FY21: $356,000
- Rollover 2020 funds: $101,900

- Paid out this FY21:
  - Annual grants: $358,600
  - Mini Grants: $9,500
  - Overhead: $10,100

- Available for mini grant funding: $20,500

**Mini-Grant 1092 Campus Vegetation Project**

**Request:** $1,900 for ‘vegetation-based carbon offset efforts’. They plan to plant seven trees along the westside of Santa Cruz Residence Hall.

**Committee Discussion:** The campus vegetation project implements a tried and true sustainability practice, from planting trees along the central AZ canal to the salt river project in Phoenix, planting trees and vegetation for energy efficiency, water management and other ecological concerns is valuable and effective. This project additionally facilitates cross departmental collaboration and interactions that offer a host of benefits to campus stakeholders in addition to carbon offsets.

**Committee Discussion:** I support this motion because this project of planting trees outside of the Apache Santa-Cruz dorm on campus will directly and indirectly benefit overall campus
sustainability in a variety of ways, not only reducing heating and cooling energy usage and
improving stormwater infiltration, but also directly increases the amount of carbon captured on
campus (project estimates indicate up to 336 tons of CO2 stored each year). This is something
the Green Fund should support wholeheartedly. The project also directly enhances the student
experience on campus, as trees provide shade and natural beauty for students to enjoy.

Vote: The motion passes by a vote of 7-0-0.

**Mini Grant 1090- Distech Controls License**

**Request:** $800 for a one time purchase of the Distech Controls software licenses needed to allow
Likins and Arbol de la Vida residence halls utility usage to be monitored with Lucid’s real time
dashboard software

**Committee Discussion:** I like that this initiative considered the students that would be unable to
participate in the Annual Battle of the Utilities and aims at correcting their budgetary bottle caps
while at the same time increasing sustainability and future student participation. It can also
encourage 7%-12% reduction in utility usage.

**Committee Discussion:** I am in support of approving this grant because it is a relatively low
one-time expense that will allow the use of software for years to come and fully integrate
residential halls Likins and Arbol de la Vida into the dorm-wide Lucid system. The ability to
monitor utility usage in real time could facilitate student interest in energy conservation as well
as further engagement in the annual “battle of the utilities”.

Vote: The motion passes by a vote of 7-0-0.

**Mini Grant 1098- COVID-19 Response: BUSD hygiene care packages**

**Request:** $500 for providing hygiene supplies such as hand sanitizer and liquid soap to Tohono
O’Odham students at the Baboquivari Unified School District to help combat the spread of
COVID-19 and promote equal access to a safe and healthy learning environment.

**Committee Discussion:** This group has submitted multiple funding proposals this year and has
shown significant improvement in grant writing with this request. I believe their mission to
provide BUSD with hygiene supplies gives an opportunity for U of A students to build a
relationship with an underserved community in our area. Their proposal outlines the importance
of intersectional environmentalism and I agree that the livelihood of the Tohono O’odham
students should be a priority as our university resides on their lands. They also mentioned that
$600 have already been raised from other sources and 50 students were provided hygiene
products, thus proving their capability to complete the goals of this grant. I would like to speak
with the grant-writers about including more details in their budget but overall I support this
effort.
Committee Discussion: I like this proposal a great deal, and agree that it’s incumbent on us to do our utmost to help the lives of the Tohono O’odham people on whose land we reside. Covid-19 has disproportionately impacted tribal communities. This project will benefit their schoolchildren, and provide numerous volunteer opportunities for our undergraduates. Irrespective of a few minor details re: their budget, which we can iron out, I strongly recommend we pass this request.

Vote: The motion passes by a vote of 7-0-0.

Green Fund Reallocation Proposal via Zoom transcript

Request: This proposal seeks to reallocate student tuition carveout appropriations established in 2010 from the Green Fund to the Office of Sustainability in an effort to centralize and accelerate University of Arizona sustainability goals and initiatives. In effect, the Green Fund would be dissolved and replaced with a quasi-independent student advisory board.

Committee and Audience Discussion:

Transcript from 3.26.21 Green Fund Open Meeting

Chair: Transcript start ... leader that the members want to act independently according to their own values, and that someone is tipping the scales against the outcome of the democratic process intended to represent student voices in sustainability. It would be irresponsible today however, for the chair to remain silent on the proposal from the Office of Sustainability to absorb the Green Funds budgetary resources and repurpose it's committee members.

Like any other proposal which the Green Fund has a voice, this proposal which has been presented to us fairly to get committee feedback and perspective, and a proposal fundamentally by students for students with student interests in mind.

On that last remark. I don't know if this proposal has student interest in mind. However, I do know that it was not asked for by students, nor was it authored by students, nor was it presented to the Green Fund to elicit our feedback for insight. This was a proposal presented to us in the context of a decision made by the Office of Sustainability, to eliminate the key players and student representation on campus.

Among the reasons listed by the Office of Sustainability for the repurpose mentioned the Green Fund were:

One, the fund has not provided adequate methods of tracking sustainability impact from our projects over the years, despite significant financial investment, and
Two the funds failures to reliably support possible large scale sustainability initiatives. The committee has never been tasked to track long term sustainability impact from funded projects. We do keep data but we were never asked by the Office of Sustainability if this data existed and were not given an opportunity to present the data. It is disappointing to me as Chair of the committee and as a longtime Wildcat of our community, to see that a department so dependent on student engagement for success, so blatantly deprioritize student voices in favor of expedient decision making. As a student, it was disheartening that our voices and input were seen as inconvenient, rather than insightful.

Being a member on this committee has been one of the most valuable experiences of my college career, and I'm personally disheartened to know this experience managing budgets, reviewing grant proposals, and having a direct impact on campus decisions may not be available to future students. It is my hope that the UArizona community will provide the voices that are needed for this decision to be made well informed and with student interests in mind.

It is my hope that members of the public here, and that committee members and of course members associated with sustainability at large will contact the Office of Sustainability, the Arizona Board of Regents, and our representatives and, of course, the Provost and Chief Financial Officer of the UArizona to give them the valuable insight that they need in order to make this decision, with all of the community's interests in mind for the best outcome for the students.

I will now open the discussion for others. If you would like to be recognized to make your position on this proposal heard it will be entered into our formal notes, which are always kept public. These notes are also submitted to the Dean of Students who oversees the Green Fund.

Please do raise your hand and we will give you the floor.

15:18:57 Recognizing Don Fox, GF 21.19
Hello everybody my name is Dawn Fox I'm the Assistant Professor of lighting design in the School of Theater Film and TV, and the proposal from the Office of Sustainability greatly
concerns me in that projects that are extremely worthwhile that have presented to the Green Fund, in the near term, are going to be sidelined as the sustainability funding folds and dissolved into the Office of Sustainability. To rework this very devoted and thoughtful group into a very largely undefined advisory board for projects like mine which have been to convert the very expensive incandescent lighting systems of the University of Arizona theater facilities.

The Green Fund has been invaluable. The Green Fund students have seen the wisdom in making these kinds of conversions and supporting these kinds of projects, and I'm very fearful that the Office of Sustainability is going to overlook these more grassroots projects that have a really direct impact on the way that we present ourselves as a university, not only to our students here on campus, but also to the general public from the community in Tucson and the region who come to the theatrical productions that we present.

It is important for us to be able to demonstrate to our large audience and to our community that we take sustainability seriously, even in an industry like theatrical endeavors which are largely very wasteful. So it's very concerning to me that organizations like the School of Theater, Film and Television will have fewer resources to turn to, to help support the sustainability initiatives that we would like to embark on for ourselves and I see the other grassroots organizations across campus also, getting sidelined in this kind of folding in. It seems backwards to me that the Office of Sustainability would dissolve the Green Fund which already has developed strong relationships with many organizations across campus, they're doing important and good work to promote sustainable initiatives across campus and in the community. It is my belief that if they want to embark on some student fee to fund their own initiatives, then they should be in turn funding the Green Fund and not pulling funds away from the Green Fund. So I appreciate being invited here as I'm very concerned about the future of smaller initiatives like ours that may get sidelined in this process, thank you for letting me speak.

Chair: Thank you. And just to let everyone here know, once everyone has had an opportunity to make remarks, and we will be giving you all the opportunity to vote as well on this proposal. Are there any other members who would like to introduce themselves and to add their name and support of this proposal.
The Chair recognizes Kyle Kline

15:22:28 Hi everyone, apologies for the lack of fluency, I do not have a prepared statement. So, unlike everyone else on this call this will be a little bit more free hand.

I am currently a candidate for the administrative vice president of ABC way, and also have been highly involved in City of Tucson climate planning processes, and I'm also a minor in the theater department in addition to double majoring in environmental studies and political science, and I'm going to be very honest, I am very nervous to talk about this topic, because I feel like there has not really been a good dialogue for students who are outside of Green Fund to talk about this.

This meeting I would like to point out, does not represent the student body; there was a very small amount of publicity that went out and was only put up on Instagram stories so I want to preface that with any discussion. I have done a lot of research to try to look into the current processes of the Green Fund as someone who is a committee co-chair for students versus the inability, and currently outside of the Green Fund. I personally don't want to vote either for or against this motion because I feel like the next appropriate step is a meeting with the Office of Sustainability, what I've heard is that there's an immediate jump to ABOR and I think that's going through a lot of conversations that should be had at a lower level because I do agree 100% that students need to be involved in the decision making processes on campus. I'm also aware that there's apparently a new fund that's coming in that is almost double the budget of Green Fund as it currently stands that would operate essentially the same way with student representation and addressing a lot of the concerns that have been brought up here. So, that's my thought process, as someone who has witnessed Green Fund for multiple years and been highly involved in sustainability projects, I do think there is a large lack in actual student presented proposals, and currently Green Fund serves in a lot of ways to provide continued salaries to different programs and outreach, that doesn't directly affect the community of the University of Arizona on campus which I think are necessary things, but it doesn't necessarily align with the long term plans of the university.

I think that there's a lot of conversations that need to be had on an internal level a lot of which needs to involve Students for Sustainability. I think that there's more conversations that need to be made internally and if they have happened I'm sorry I don't know if they haven't been publicized.

That's mainly where my thoughts are. But additionally evaluating projects like $100,000 being
given to theatre spotlights, I love singing and dancing under a spotlight. I'm a theater kid. But on that same token, I don't know how much greenhouse gases those actually reduce and what that looks like for campus sustainability at large. And if that investment makes sense from an overall campus portfolio. So, I think that Green Fund is a lot of enormous potential but I'm not sure what the future of Green Fund looks like in addition to this new student view that's being proposed, and how logistically that's going to work, and I think that those questions need to be addressed at a campus level. So again I'm not either for or against the motion. I think that there's further conversations that need to be hard to make sure that the funds of the Green Fund, and additional student fees are being used to the best of their ability. That was off the top of my head, I'm happy to answer any questions. My apologies, I love each and every one of you and I just want to make sure that we're achieving student success and sustainability in the most efficient, effective way possible.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any others who would like to be recognized?

15:26:44 Recognizing Frances Slater

Hi, I'll just give my two cents since I don't see anyone else's hand up. I think the idea that centralization is a solution for campus sustainability in itself is flawed. I would argue that the goal should be for sustainability to be integrated into the mission of every single one of our departments. The benefits of this proposal are tangible improvements in metrics and national rankings but exclude the proposals real impact on student engagement and campus sustainability. Not a single attendee at our open meeting two Fridays ago, excluding the Director of the Office of Sustainability, was in favor of this proposal.

The Green Fund allows for ease of participation for students and then great diversity of projects. Without this seed funding where will the rest of our big ideas come from? I am against our big out of the box ideas from different departments from different voices from places outside of students in the sustainability sphere. I'm against this proposal because I'm in favor of student voices and this proposal does not honor the goals of the original tuition carve out. My Green Fund experience has been entirely virtual and I would consider it one of the most formative experiences I've had as a college student. Dissolving the Green Fund will have lasting impacts on student representation and engagement that cannot be maintained, when the sustainability metric is carbon neutrality. Thank you.
Chair: Thank you. Are there any others who would like to be recognized?

15:28:42 Recognizing Brandon.

15:28:45 Hey, everyone. My name is Brandon Knuth and I am one of the students involved in Students for Sustainability for three years now. Like Kyle I don't really have anything prepared so I'm just going to say throw me on the record against the proposal. I'm mostly against the proposal because it leaves the entire student body without anything similar to Green Fund. The only thing close to it is the utility revolving fund which is supposed to start up this June and it's very far from a perfect replacement for Green Fund as I currently understand it. In the first place, it lacks student representation of any kind on the actual board, and although it might prioritize student projects as it says on the lack of student representation is really a big hit to the whole. I think it's the opposite of what sustainability should be doing, and their explicit stated goal, and getting student participation in campus sustainability.

And the second place, as I understand it, they only allow projects and budgets of up to $5000. This leaves projects that rely on Green Fund annual grants, generally without funding. And in the third place, the entire point of the fund is totally replacement and it's called the utility revolving funds, which naturally has a utility focus on projects, so this would leave out certain Green Fund projects like the (mini grant) Save the Tree Planting project that just got proposed and funded. That's generally not the purpose of the revolving fund as I understand it.

So anyway I think we're left without a perfect replacement for the Green Fund, and it seems to cannibalize the student voice for the goal of centralizing sustainability which does not seem that important to me in the first place.

15:30:28 So those are just my thoughts on the matter. Thank you for recognizing me.

Chair: Thank you, are there any others who would like to be recognized?

15:30:45 Recognizing Rani Olson, Faculty

I spoke at the open forum a couple weeks ago and I just want to kind of emulate similar feelings that I have. I am a professor of practice, and run a newer degree program called nutrition and food systems, and I have supported students and been part of many projects over many years, related to the Green Fund and I am also against this proposal from the Office of Sustainability to
absorb the Green Fund. I think advocating for student voices is a really important thing, and Francis had kind of mentioned about the importance of seed funding and that really being the catalyst for a lot of the programs that are currently being held up and supported, as these kind of wins for our larger community. And when we don't have those types of investments into ideas we lose out on these really large picture wins for all of us. When we're looking at this concept of efficiency I know that there was talk in the proposal of this becoming a more efficient process. It is that very value system that we got that we like entered the climate crisis that we're dealing with today with this notion of getting bigger in consolidating and monopolizing and centralizing power. The voices are the actual people that are part of communities don't any longer have those types of ability to actually participate in meaningful ways so I'm in great support of continuing the conversation, and I also would just push back on the method that this proposal was presented into our larger community of saying this is done, we can have an open forum if you want but it's still a very confusing process for all of us I think including of saying why would there be an open forum if this has already been decided on. I think again, the lack of clarity that question that's been asked so many times is still not answered, is this decision made, and if so, it seems like there's a larger community saying we're not comfortable with moving in this direction without better understanding what it is that's happening. So, thank you.

15:33:23 Chair: Recognizing Stella Heflin, Green Fund committee member.
15:33:26 Hi. Okay, I don't have a comprehensive rationale, either that's not what I'm prepared to give today. I just wanted to say that I am against the proposal, and then just sort of unnecessarily refute but address a few points that have been brought up here today. The first is that I am an atmospheric science major. I'm a climate scientist. I don't think that the projects that only address carbon reduction, are the only valid ones. I think that sustainability is holistic and sustainability encompasses more things than carbon reduction. Again, I understand very clearly the science behind climate change, but I also recognize that sustainability is a much broader thing than that. And I think that we don't have a clear substitute for the Green Fund. In that regard, it is a problem. I do know that the student fee is a separate thing, but that it is a different thing. It's very complicated but it is addressing sort of a different project size and scope and what Green Fund previously did so I don't think that that is a perfect replacement. And then I also just
wanted to address that. I apologize, I feel like I should personally apologize for the lack of publicity that was had of this event. I was kind of responsible for that this week and it was a hard week and not enough publicity was made of this event and I do recognize that and I wish that we had a better way to reach a larger audience, and a larger representative sample of the student body, and would love to do that in the future and recognize that as a flaw.

15:35:17 Recognizing Marissa Le, from SfS

My name is Maria so I'm currently Production Committee coach here along with Kyle for Students with Sustainability. I have also been highly involved in sustainability on campus for basically all my three years of being a student here and I wanted to kind of also address what Stella mentioned at the end.

15:36:00 I understand like having a heartbeat and you know having all of us to do well assume it's so weird I apologize?

I'm not faulting so for that I'm not faulting anybody on Green Fund for that but I do want to point out that saying that the entirety of, or not even the entirety but saying generally that anybody involved in sustainability on campus and the community within campus sustainability is against this proposal would not necessarily be representative which we've all pointed out, if we've kind of had addressed at this meeting. But I think it is unfair to say that the community is against this proposal when the vast majority of people who are involved in sustainability, either did not make it to the open forum two weeks ago or today to the meeting and are kind of unaware of how the Green Fund operates or how the Green Fund functions. This is something like I'm kind of learning, along with a lot of other people about how the Green Fund works, even how the Office of Sustainability, and wellness funds are going.

So I'm not going to comment on the proposal itself but I do want to point out that it is unfair to say that the campus community is against this proposal when even just Students for Sustainability as a program is at people and we've heard maybe 20 to 30 maybe 40 voices, most, all of which are the majority of which are from alumni, faculty, staff, people who are still important in this decision, decision making process but a lot of those students who are currently involved in sustainability on campus are also not getting the opportunity to share their opinion and share their thoughts.

15:37:59 Chair Recognizing Jeri Wilcox.
Hi, thank you for recognizing me. Um, yeah, I, similar to what some other people have been saying I have not prepared anything formal for this, I'm, I'm a little nervous to speak just because like I feel like I really want to suck at what Marissa is saying. I think that this proposal came to me in a very different manner than it was proposed to a lot of the Green Fund students, and also just to clarify, so I am one of those Students for Sustainability directors, and also me saying this is not representing SfS this is just representing Jerry. I'm not like saying this to represent all of us at best, I'm just because like I want to make sure that know, I respect so much like what all of you guys are saying and I think that again it just came to me sort of in a different way than it was brought to a lot of the Green Fund students and it's been really eye opening to hear what you guys have all been saying and here the concerns because I wasn't aware of a lot of the concerns that a lot of people had for this proposal. And I also want a second one Maria said just that. Not all of the students but I don't think that it would be accurate to say that all of the student body or the sustainability community at UArizona is against this proposal. When I first heard of it I thought that it was what I perceived a bit was going to be an opportunity to support larger initiatives at the UArizona that could really get sustainability moving and get to be a bigger voice and sustainability which I was really excited to hear about. And I think that it's been similar to what Marissa said, I do not know too much about how Green Fund works and coming to this meeting, I honestly learned a lot like just watching the, like, 10 minutes or so that you guys had at the beginning I learned a lot and I think it's so cool what you guys are doing and I love the student voices and I really hope that. However, if this proposal goes through and I don't like how there was no sort of like, if you guys feel that there was no sort of like student voice coming into it, and boy, no student voice and deciding. Like, what's happening with this, um, but I really hope that just from my perspective, again like coming from this as it was brought to me in a different way.

I believe that everything that I have done with interaction with the office, such as the garden, being moved under the office, and that made it more successful. Just involvement with the office, we have not felt any loss of student voice. That is just like our past experience that we have had. And so I did not know that there was such a concern of the loss of student voice. And so I really truly hope that we can work this out so that the student voice is not lost. And I don't know how you guys feel, I don't know, like, totally, what the perspective is just because I've never experienced a Green Fund meeting before tonight and I loved watching it was
very educational. So yeah, I honestly totally don't know where exactly I'm going with this but yeah I just do want the second one Marissa was saying just that I don't think, um, I think that it was addressed differently to some students where it just sounded like an opportunity for us to make sustainability, a bigger voice on campus and I think that there definitely needs to be work put into it to ensure that no student voice is being lost in this because I not support any sort of like actually student voices being lost because the Green Fund came out to be a way for students to have a huge say and the sustainability and so I really hope that. However, this goes about so that we can continue that. And, yeah, I don't know, I, I also wanted to ask for those who were mentioning that there is no perfect replacement for the Green Fund, um, what is the concern because I know the fee project that some committee members at SfS brought up with a larger sum of money, because I was excited about that as well as the revolving utility fund and assuming that those two in conjunction would be able to offset that. Also, this pot of money is still going to have a student voice through the board that would work on it going towards a lot of student projects. Is there a specific concern with that fee project, not being a good replacement for the Green Fund? Is it the different scope sort of thing I think that was mentioned -is that where the, the majority of the concern is coming from? I thought that it was going to be a good replacement but I've been hearing from a lot of people that it is just not so. And so I would love to be just enlightened a little bit more on why people think that because I think that I probably am not as well versed on it as the people who are not thinking that it's a perfect replacement, because they probably know more than you, so please let me know because I would love to learn more.

Chair: Thank you guys, Daniel Lewis, Green Fund Member

15:43:40 Thank you so much, Jerry, and thank you to all the speakers so far today. I'd like to sign post the way I'm going to vote and explain the reason for my vote before I do, so I will be voting against the proposal, and all the things I'm going to say now in a personal capacity, I am a member of the Green Fund, but the following comments are from me in a personal capacity. First I'd like to talk about sustainability. This is going to leave a gap, Jerry, you spoke about this new sustainability proposal. I'm afraid I'm against that particular one as it goes and my main objection is on economic grounds, I think, to be raising fees in the middle of a pandemic is placing a disproportionate burden on those incoming students, current students should be protected from this fee. But I don't think now is the time to be raising fees or certainly not to the
extent that you're asking.

Again, these are purely in a personal capacity, and I appreciate very much the intention of this fund, and I welcome it from a sustainability on sustainability grounds, but I have some concerns about how it's to be funded. Again returning to sustainability, there's going to be this gap between this new proposal and ending the Green Fund. And then this new green fund to have SMS board coming in. The new board will have potentially some powers to fund projects but it's not been entirely made clear to me how this gap has to be filled. Next I'd like to address democratic aspects and accountability. This feels to me like a power grab on the part of the Office for Sustainability- administration advisory boards advise- funds fund (projects). Simple. Finally, I want to listen to public concerns and act upon them. Two weeks ago we had that open forum and the purpose of a town hall is to listen to public concerns, and to do something about it to take those on board, to actively listen, and to adjust our decision making process, on the basis of what we've heard, and having listened to all those eloquent statements that were made two weeks ago I I don't see possibly how any of us could be in favor of his proposal. And we, as a Green Fund committee. I know from our previous conversations but we're committed to fight this.

Chair: recognizing Stella Heflin, Green Fund member

Hey. Okay, so I just kind of want to, like, address, because I've been in meetings with like the family and Samantha and the SfS members who proposed the fee and I'm also a member of asset festival audience I remember that's the best fun, and I've been in meetings with Samantha and also under, and with Trevor about all of this money and to address Jerry's question I believe that the primary gap (Brandon put in the chat) is that the student fees will begin being implemented next year if approved by a board, but that it will not fully, it will, it will not fully like reach its full potential, like you know it being implemented on students and all, for four years from now as Chelsea mentioned. And so I believe that in four years, they're not planning on funding projects, or that they're not going to have the full funding for the projects. And so there is that time gap between, you know, when Green Fund is currently being dissolved and that, and the second gap that I believe we've identified is that the, this is again from a meeting with Trevor but that the utility revolving fund as Brandon mentioned is for small amounts of money, and that this fee as Anthony and Samantha have like expressed their desire that it's for like very large projects very long term large scale, like annual recurring projects. And
so there's like, sort of a gap in the middle there so for example like the tree project that we
funded today that doesn't fit in either the fee or the revolving fund this project, it just doesn't fit.
And so there's issues for projects like that, that either need a small amount of money but do not
fit the utility revolving fund or in between the scale, the scale and scope of the utility Revolving
Fund. We have open meetings I know they're not all publicized and that's something that Green
Fund has been making an effort on this year but these meetings like Green Fund does have open
meetings every month for audience to come and learn about Green Fund operations and like, and
then we also, you know, we've tried to make these past two student forums open, like as they are
you know open to the public and as open as possible so apologies on that again.

Chair: All right, and we do need to wrap up soon, our open meeting is not to go past 4pm, as per
our scheduling restrictions. So, I do believe we should be moving toward a vote relatively
swiftly. I can go ahead and I'll allow those who are currently raising their hands to speak but
please limit your comments to under 60 seconds.

And recognizing Jerry.
Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted to say thank you for addressing my questions and clarifying it to
me I think it's really valuable and I'm learning a lot today and I appreciate that and I really hope
that whatever does come out of this like I really want to make sure that all of these concerns are
addressed and that we just make sure that nobody feels like their voices are not being heard or
not being valued as they should be. So thank you guys very much.

Chair: recognizing Marissa.
Yes, I also wanted to thank you guys for allowing us to share our thoughts and, you know, ask all
of our questions, I did want to ask one clarifying question because I am pretty far removed from
the Green Fund so literally learning about this in the past two weeks but in your bylaws I believe
it says something about some kind of department faculty staff person on campus that approves
the grants or approves grants based on what the Committee recommends I believe is the right
way to describe it. Could you guys kind of share a little bit more about that process and what that
looks like.

Chair: Yes, so the Green Fund takes votes on a project proposals that are proposed by members
of the community, we discuss them in closed meetings and then also in open meetings as well.
And then we take votes on them, and open meeting notes are passed up to Dean Washington
White for approval. And she then approves the request or denies, it's typical for her to approve, whatever the Committee recommends, and then they are funded, and that is usually how it goes.

Chair: Keeping with our initial goal of open voting on this proposal to members of the community as well. I will go ahead and then just offer you the opportunity to vote, I will wait about 10 seconds for all of you if you would like to vote. I -on the proposal, please raise your hand.

15:52:45 In the using the participants window, and the raise hand feature are the reactions I think it's been reactions. Right now, it's, yes, there we go. Sorry, I don't know how to use it in the reactions. Raise your hand if you would like to vote on the proposal, I will wait 10 seconds, I will offer the opportunity to vote Nay, and the opportunity to abstain as well.

So those who would like to vote, I on the Office of Sustainability proposal, please raise your hand. We have one vote for those who would like to vote. Nay, on the opposite sustainability proposal, please raise your hand.

15:53:51 We have nine nay votes.
15:53:57 Those who would like to abstain.
15:54:01 And I'm actually going to lower all hands So yeah, those would like to abstain, please raise your hand.
Seven. Seven abstentions.
15:54:27 Our final tally is one in favor of the proposal nine against the proposal and seven abstentions

There being no new business. This concludes our meeting of the regular meeting of the Green Fund will occur at 3:55pm. On March, 26 2021, thank you all for attending. We appreciate your participation. And please do keep a lookout for updates from us and the Office of Sustainability and please do stay engaged, we highly encourage you to contact the decision makers that are involved in this process and make your voices heard. Regardless of whether or not you support or you oppose the proposal or if you're curious about finding out more about it, it's extremely important to us that this proposal is considered and alternatives are considered with the full voice and weight of the community, and that it's not just in the hands of individuals at the Office of
Sustainability and not just in the hands of the Green Fund, it should be at large and involve a lot of decision makers and a lot of people offering their input

Vote: 1-9-7

Open meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm on March 26th, 2021.