

Green Fund Open Meeting Minutes
Nugent Building Room 116
April 26th, 2019
3pm-4pm

I. Call to Order 3:03 PM

II. Roll Call

Chair Slagle

Vice-Chair Rudnick

Secretary Doty

Treasurer Graves

Public Relations Conley

Member Alaniz

Member Bauman

Member Hirshman

Member Shannon (proxy)

Member Shudlick

Members absent: Shannon

Advisors present: Julia Rudnick

Audience: Amanda Lipp, applicant

III. Minutes

Review and accept minutes from open meeting 4/5/19.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Annual Funding and grant refunds: \$464,060.65
- b. Spent on Mini Grants to date: \$28,100
- c. Spent on Annual Grants to date: \$412,884
- d. Spent on Operations to date: \$15,192
- e. Current Account Balance: \$155,721

V. Old Business, None

VI. New Business

Mini Grant Proposals:

ID#	Project Name	Recommendation
T207 AHGF19.06	Addressing environmental injustice around green infrastructure in Tucson, Arizona	Approved
T209 GF19.15	Off-Campus Housing Sustainability Program	Denied
T210 GF19.25P	Open Energy Monitoring Software in Residence Halls	Denied

T211 GF18.33	Community Outreach in Environmental Learning	Not considered
T212 GF19.17	Community Outreach in Environmental Learning	Denied
T213 GF20.11P	Community Outreach in Environmental Learning	Denied
T215 AHGF19.26	Wildcat Green Reach	Approved
T216 GF19.19	Green Team FY19	Approved

Discussion:

T207 Addressing environmental injustice around green infrastructure in Tucson, Arizona

Comments: Moved to approve. They saved money by gathering donations, this PAR will allow them to continue their project for another year. The original grant brought green infrastructure to a place that has been overlooked by projects in the past. The board members in the past really liked this original proposal, we hope that no matter what happens with this PAR that they consider applying for more funds in the future.

However, we funded them for a specific fiscal year and this doesn't mean we should automatically allow for them to be extended for another year. This may lead to chronic over budgeting. When we accept the over budget, there is an opportunity cost that occurs because money is being taken away from another potential project. Submitting a PAR makes it seem like it is not considered. Absent any type of act-of-god showing, we should not extend funds from one fiscal year to the next.

We shouldn't punish the grant writers and project managers for going out of their way to find other funding. They budgeted correctly originally, they just were able to rely on other sources. If we didn't approve this PAR, they might not seek other funding.

We should encourage students to apply from green fund grants. We should not punish people for seeking donations, and we should encourage them to come back next year. If what we're doing is asking them to come back, we should just fund them now. If we pull funding, they're going to suffer because there will be a gap in the project development .

Vote: 8-2-0

T209 Off-Campus Housing Sustainability Program

Comments: This PAR seeks to extend funds as well as change categories. We've changed our bylaws to have more strict terms on using funds for travel. The extension for another year seems like it could be better allocated in the next fiscal year.

We are assigning money for particular things. We are allowing for two applications. We should distribute money to varied projects.

Vote: 3-6-1

T210 Open Energy Monitoring Software in Residence Halls

Comments: All funds will be moved into student wages. While we like the opportunity to give student wages, this project seems like a completely new project in comparison. It's not our primary mission.

However, this is a great experience for a student on campus. There are very few opportunities for a specialized student position.

Vote: 2-7-1

T211 Community Outreach in Environmental Learning

Comments: This isn't really a PAR, just a point of information.

Vote: n/a.

T212 Community Outreach in Environmental Learning

Comments: The new project end date would be June 30th, 2020. It is appropriate to extend this project because of the value the funds will have in advancement.

Vote: 1-9-0

T213 Community Outreach in Environmental Learning

Comments: Move to approve. We don't support this, moving money over outside of the graduate student category takes away from our mission to support students. We should keep money going to students. Student fees should be going to our representative body. Even though this individual used to be a graduate student, we would like this opportunity to go to a new graduate student. This will push an institutional continuity because a new graduate student will come in. We should make sure that programs we support are not dependent upon a single individual.

However, the person involved in this has been doing so for a long time. Since we've supported this project in the past, and we should make sure that the project is able to move forward. They need time to be able to bring new people on. This will essentially be a transition year. However, making this exception begs the question when we will stop making this exception. As a learning institution, we need to trust our future generations.

Vote: 1-7-2

T215 Wildcat Green Reach

Comments: The new project extends the date of the project to September 1st, 2019 and changes funds.

I approve the transfer of funds, but not extension of the project. If they were unable to access the fiscal year dollars until their new grant kicks in, it would be more acceptable. However, because FM will likely allow a deficit in spending, there is no need for them to get this PAR.

It's a very small amount of money and a very small extension. It's just for a small extension. This money will not be detrimental to next year's boards funding decision.

Vote: 8-2-0

T216 Green Team FY19

Comments: The new project end date would be September 1st, 2019. I like this PAR because they will use these funds and this time to make the program better for next year.

Vote: 7-2-1

We will announce the new members for next year's committee. Thank you for your interest in the committee.

Aaron Nach

Alexis Hurtado

Allison Doty

Ashlyn Bauman

Noah Thompson

Momoka Sugimura

If you came to the meeting today and were not selected as a member, you can contact ASUA and GPSC and let them know you are interested in the position.

There was a PAR submitted late this year. In order to be fair to all the submitted PARs, we cannot accept this submission.

VII. Adjournment at 3:29 PM