

Green Fund Open Meeting Minutes
 Nugent Room 102
 January 25, 2019
 3pm-4pm

I. Call to Order 3:03 PM

II. Roll Call

Chair Slagle

Member Alaniz

Vice Chair Rudnick

Member Bauman

Secretary Doty

Member Hirshman

Treasurer Graves

Member Shannon (Proxy Hall)

Public Relations Conley

Member Shudlick

Members absent: Lexi Shannon, Reed Hirshman

Advisors present: Chrissy Lieberman, Julia Rudnick, Lauren White, Trevor Ledbetter

Guests present: Deanna Kulbeth, Cooper Center; Dept of Hydrology representative for El Dia

III. Minutes

Review and accept minutes from open meeting 11.16.18.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Annual Funding and grant refunds: \$423,960
- b. Spent on Mini Grants to date: \$5,500
- c. Spent on Annual Grants to date: \$371,900
- d. Spent on Operations to date: \$9,645
- e. Current Account Balance: \$177,365

V. Old Business

Untable the following grants:

ID#	Project	Requested	Motion
GFMG 19.02	AGTM200 Solar Tracker Lab Kits	\$1,800	Untable
GFMG 19.04	Star School Renewable Energy Tour Proposal	\$1,600	Untable
GFMG 19.06	Passive Solar Tracker Demonstration Project	\$2,000	Untable

Amber moves to untable GFMG 19.02, GFMG 19.04, and GFMG 19.06.

Vote: 9-0-0

Motion passes, GFMG 19.02, GFMG 19.04, and GFMG 19.06 are untabled.

VI. New Business

Mini Grant Proposals and Committee Decisions:

ID#	Project	Requested	Vote
GFMG 19.04	Star School Renewable Energy Tour Proposal	\$1,600	Vote to deny: 7-0-2 Fails
GFMG 19.02	AGTM200 Solar Tracker Lab Kits	\$1,800	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
GFMG 19.06	Passive Solar Tracker Lab Kits	\$1,800	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
GFMG 19.08	SewTrue Project: Sustainability and the Impact of Globalization and Textiles	\$2,000	Motion for partial funding passes (\$1000). Vote for partial funding: 8-0-1 Partial funding passes
GF MG 19.09	UA Earth Hour	\$1,800	Vote to approve: 6-0-3 Passes
GFMG 19.10	El Día de Agua y la Atmósfera	\$2,000	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
GFMG 19.11	In Search of Sustainability: Environmental Exploration of the UA Campus	\$300	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
GFMG 19.12	Shaded Outdoor Indigenous Therapeutic Garden Classroom Space	\$2,000	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
GFMG 19.13	Compost Bins for the Students Union	\$1,500	Vote to table: 7-0-2 Tabled
GFMG 19.14	Educational Outreach	\$500	Vote to approve: 8-0-1 Passes
Annual Grant Deadline Extension	To extend the annual grant deadline from January 28th to January 31st.	-	Vote to approve: 9-0-0

Bylaw Changes	Vote to approve bylaw changes as listed under discussion.	-	Vote to approve: 9-0-0
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Discussion:

GFMG19.04 Star School Renewable Energy Tour Proposal

Motion to deny the proposal. Takes a two day field trip to a school. Cost is mostly transportation. The project proposal does not align with Green Fund values since it funds mostly travel. GF does not typically fund travel.

Vote: 7-0-2

Motion passes, the grant will not be funded.

GFMG19.02 Solar Lab Tracker Kits

Motion to approve the proposal. Requests money to buy lab kits to use for educational purposes for both students and the community. Invests in students who take this class, this experience will be valuable to the students' futures. We also received feedback after asking questions that showcased the planning that has gone into this project. Committee member expressed some concerns with solar energy with regard to impact on economies/other resource use. Want to create an awareness of these issues with the younger generations. Prior experience with lab kits shows that this hands on experience will facilitate the learning process. Will also be collecting data.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, the grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.06 Passive Solar Tracker Demonstration Project

Motion to approve the proposal. Money will be used to purchase a large solar panel that students will be able to interact with and learn. It will be used over multiple lab sessions, so project has longevity. Will create data for students to use and learn from.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, the grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.08 SewTrue Project: Sustainability and the Impact of Globalization and Textiles

Motion to deny the proposal. The mini grant requests money for professionals to come to the university for a presentation about fast fashion. This grant seems to overestimate the number of participants. The majority of the funding is going to travel for someone who is outside of the

university, which does not align with the goals of the Green Fund to support university/community resources. Additionally, the t-shirt contest and distribution seems to be in contrast with the goal of ending fast fashion. However, the project does give an opportunity to educate students on how their clothing affects sustainability.

Vote: 6-1-2

Motion fails, grant will not be funded in full.

GFMG19.08 *Partial Funding Motion SewTrue Project: Sustainability and the Impact of Globalization and Textiles*

Motion to approve partial funding of the proposal, for \$1000. This will allow the project to continue without funding travel. We approve of everything that is student related. We do appreciate the panelist aspect of the proposal, but we prefer to support locally based experts. There are other avenues for funding travel, such as GPSC and WRRC.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, grant will be partially funded for \$1000.

GFMG19.09 UA Earth Hour

Motion to approve the proposal. This event gives students something else to do during the Earth Hour. This event in the past has been positive. This project offers a lot of engaging alternatives to entertainment that uses electricity. Writers have also considered the event's carbon footprint.

Vote: 6-0-3

Motion passes, grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.10 El Día de Agua y la Atmósfera

Motion to approve the proposal. There are lots of perspectives being represented in this symposium. It is addressing a lot of topics that are critical issues in our world today. Gives students a voice and a platform to present their research. The core of the program reflects the Green Fund's goals.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.11 In Search of Sustainability: an Environmental Exploration of the UA Campus

Motion to approve the proposal. Will create a scavenger hunt of sustainable features of the UA campus. This project has been great in the past with positive outcomes. Gives students a great way to discover more about sustainability efforts on campus. Seems like an engaging project.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.12 Shaded Outdoor Indigenous Therapeutic Garden Classroom Space

Motion to approve the proposal. Group of students working with JB Wright Elementary School to provide a hands-on garden space for students at the school. Wants to engage in sustainability, social justice, as well as other learning opportunities. The grant is vague; it does not appear the writers know exactly what they want to implement. However, there is a lot of engagement between the U of A and this school so we expect that they will carry out what they have outlined in their grant. We think it is import to instill the appreciation of the environment in small children, and it will be especially effective when it is done through a hands-on manner.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, grant will be funded in full.

GFMG19.13 Compost Bins for the Student Union

Motion to table the proposal. The grant aims to purchase bins for composting in the student union. Seems like a great project, but we have some questions about the price with regard to the number of bins. The project goals do align with the Green Fund's goals, but we want to be sure that all options have been explored. We will be posting questions to the Green Fund website with regard to this project.

Vote: 7-0-2

Motion passes, grant will be tabled.

GFMG 19.14 Educational Outreach

Motion to approve the proposal. This project will implement programs with different schools around Tucson in order to create an understanding of climate issues. It is important for younger students to see college students who are passionate about these important issues facing our society. The longevity of this project is great as well since lesson plans can be repeated. Please reach out to the OIA if you need help creating lesson plans. Also beneficial to the U of A students, as they will develop a greater understanding of the subject through teaching.

Vote: 8-0-1

Motion passes, grant will be funded in full.

Annual Grant Deadline Change

Motion to approve the proposal to change annual grant deadlines from January 28th to January 31st. This change will give those planning to submit an annual grant more time. It also makes more sense to have the deadline at the end of the month.

Vote: 9-0-0

The vote to change the deadline passes.

Bylaw Changes

Motion to approve the Bylaw Changes as discussed previously. These include:

- Changing the Administrative titles from Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management to Vice Provost for Campus Life and Dean of Students or designee
- Formatting changes for ease of reading/navigating
- Changing the definition of Advisors Ex-Officio and the associated responsibilities
- Revisions to the Roles and Responsibilities of the Administrative Advisors Article
- Revisions to the Applications from Green Fund Advisors Article
- Changed binary pronouns throughout document to neutral ones
- Added clause about Co-chairs
- Revision of the Vacancies article
- Amendment to the General Requirements for Proposed projects - limited travel funds
- Added clause about preference of financially self sustaining projects
- Amendment to Termination of projects - ineligibility to receive funds

Vote: 9-0-0

Amendments pass.

VII. Adjournment at 3:38 PM.