

USF Student Green Energy Fund Council



Friday, October 15, 2021 – Virtual Teams Meeting

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Council Members

Mazi Ferguson, Chris Marks, George Philippidis, Robin Rives, Nicholas Makarov, Matthew Mullings, Ray Gonzalez, Ray Mensah

Absent: Alexis Mootoo, Makanaka Chahwahwa, Sharon Hanna-West, Naren Bollineni, Dana Hunter

Observer(s): Saviya Jean-Baptiste, Kianna Freeman, Whitney Fung (presenter), Michael Chase

First Order of Business:

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Dr. Philippidis. Attendance roll call was performed, afterwards the meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Update:

The council reviewed the financial report for end of October 2021. The report lists all the current projects, individual budgets, encumbrances, actuals, and initial project budgets. The current cash balance as of 10/31/2021 is \$4.19 million. The uploaded budget total for FY 21-22 total \$512,812 and the encumbrances and actuals total \$160,311.

Unfinished Business:

Charter Review:

A brief update was provided regarding the charter review process. The subcommittee has not met to review the charter due to lack of student representation. N. Makarov volunteered to participate in the subcommittee in order to provide student perspective. It was discussed that having at least three students on the subcommittee will ensure appropriate representation

New Business:

Canvas Submissions:

S. Jean-Baptiste shared with the council that a Box folder has been created to upload proposal submissions from Canvas. Currently, there the council has received one proposal from the USF PD regarding electric vehicles for police officers. The folder will be updated as new proposal are submitted to allow council members the opportunity to review the proposals.

Presentation(s)

Final Report Presentation - Campus Food Waste Recovery:

W. Fung presented the final report of the Campus Food Waste Recovery project. The project was started in September 2018 and focused on diverting food waste in order to increase food recovery. Addressing food waste helps mitigate methane gas emissions as 40% of food that produced is thrown away. The group worked with many partners such as Aramark, Feed-A-Bull, USF College of Engineering to either donate edible food or process inedible food through the bio digesters. Students collected the food from Aramark, processed the waste and maintained the digesters. W. Fung explained the process of the pilot project has been documented for USF to launch a long-term project.

Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.