

Spring Retreat

Monday, January 21, 2019

Location: NSRC 240

Members Present:

Justin Lanoff, Julia Marsaglia, John Uelmen, Gabriel Mishaan, Zishen Ye, Justin Vozzo, Joe Edwards, Emmanuel Fadahunsi, Ece Gulkirpik, Jack Javer

Meeting Minutes

12:40pm: Meeting start

- New member Justin has volunteered to be the new external vice chair
 - Unanimously voted in

12:45pm: Soil testing scope change

- Discussion regarding grant proposal
- Unfortunately, they lost their samples when they changed lab managers, and their samples got thrown out in the process
 - Unanimously passes

12:55am: Hillel microgrant proposal

- They are proposing \$650 for 100 people to eat (at \$6.50 per person)
- Can fund food, as long as it's for a group (not individually) and covers a sustainability agenda
- Concerns regarding how this dinner will be different from any other dinners that they have
 - We can have them show a video
 - Justin Lanoff can go and offer sustainability support
- Voted (8 for; 2 abstain) to approve funding contingent that they show the video and Justin Lanoff attends briefly

1:10pm: Marketing Efforts

- if there are things that we want to set up/program, then we need to get moving on that
 - we have an 8% budget for all internal events, costs, etc.
 - we should be near the microgrant budget of \$750 max for events
 - the Al Gore discussion regarding Inconvenient Truth was a cool event, are there events happening in the spring semester that are similar
 - the marketing committee will meet in the next month or so and discuss these
 - it would be really great to reach out to the international student population, check slack channel for more info on links
 - offer to visit retired faculty's sustainable house (it's really off the grid)
- Lita Vega is excellent with video and photos
 - she'll get more of what we do out on social media; please be more open to doing these with her

1:20pm: Applicant feedback

- A lot of groups wanted further clarification on why they were rejected

- mainly, it seemed that applicants didn't feel that we read through the applications thoroughly; many of the reasons we did not fund they claim that they had in their proposals
- steps moving forward
 - applicants will provide a synopsis/summary of their project to us
 - step 1 will be much briefer to establish if we're interested or not broadly
 - when we vote, we can provide a list of 3 things (or so) of things we care about and want to see more
 - step 2 can be more targeted for additional questions, directions

1:28pm: Campus Impact

- interests in having sub-committee established for generating more funding from students to fund larger grants (Jack, Justin V., Justin L., and Joe have interest in lead this sub-committee)
 - possibility in loans and revolving loan funds
 - having event that allows us to speak directly with higher level liaisons
 - explore strategies that expand fund