

Green Action Fund General Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 8am – 10am

Sustainability Demonstration House and Online

Members in Attendance: Hayden S., MJ, Keenan, Hayden C., Kayla, Bailey, Konrad, Charlea

Members Absent: Dylan

Guests: Kenady, Emma

1. Roll call and approve meeting minutes.
  - a. Introductions from members and guests
2. Quick review of proposal presentation process and discussion etiquette (Kayla)
3. First proposal presentation – 8:30 am
  - a. Sarah Long, Free Menstrual Products at UCCS
    - i. Presentation, Q & A (10 min presentation, 5 min Q & A)
    - ii. Provide free menstrual products on campus. Asking for GAF to cover 10% of budget for next 5 years, specifically covering product supply refill. Cost may vary due to ADA regulations, as the recessed dispenser models have a higher cost of installation. Create a more inclusive environment by addressing hygiene needs of students. Promote health, well-being, gender equality, and reduce stigma. Utilize an eco-friendly product to reduce ecological footprint, which will engage in conversations about sustainability and waste reduction to increase education and outreach. Large possible scope of impact with inclusive environment, reducing stress on students, promote health and more sustainable behavior, and increasing awareness for social issues. Provide about 12 products per person per year, for half the current student population.
  - b. Q&A:

- c. Do you have other possible funding sources, if we weren't able to fund this project or only partially? Going to SGA for funding as well for support, hopefully show the university supports these issues. Wellness center is unable to support, will reach out to WEST department to see if they could support?
  - d. How can we increase sustainability on campus with this project? Provide education that these are more sustainable products, and provide a more equitable environment.
  - e. Would menstrual cups and other sustainable options be provided, maybe could be included in education/outreach? Not many students use cups compared to pads/tampons on a wide scale, and so seek to meet student needs/preferences.
  - f. Are the stakeholders who would refill the machines involved? Yes, custodial services and all relevant stakeholders are already informed and supportive.
  - g. How could the GAF logo be included to show GAF support for the project to highlight how social issues intersect with environmental ones? Logo/stickers on the dispenser will invalidate the warranty, but could have logo and QR code or info next to the dispenser.
4. Executive committee updates
- a. Chair/Vice Chair – Board retreat draft schedule update
    - i. What important agenda items should we get to at the retreat
      - 1. Each executive member could run a section of the retreat?
    - ii. Create election subcommittee. Bailey motions to create an outreach subcommittee, Hayden C. seconds.

1. Yes: MJ, Bailey, Konrad, Kayla, Keenan, Hayden C., Hayden S., Charlea
  2. No: Abstain: Dylan
  3. The motion passes, an election subcommittee is created
- b. 8:55- 9:00 – Break
  - c. Vice Chair – New member application and rubrics update
    - i. Updated application on MLC, working on updating the rubrics.
  - d. Treasurer – Budget update, Fiscal Guidelines update
    - i. Approve operating budget for the semester – Konrad needs by September 15th. Hayden C. will meet with Kayla to finalize the spreadsheet
  - e. Secretary – Meeting minutes and agendas post update
    - i. Hayden S. was unable to post minutes to the website, said unauthorized user. Will try again and let the committee know.
  - f. Outreach Chair – Upcoming events, swag ideas
    - i. Ideas for swag from last executive committee: visor, hat, and fannypack.
      1. Ensure it is sustainable swag and items people will use, so we're not contributing to the landfill.
      2. Printing lab at UCCS is contracting out now, we will see when flyers are delivered.
    - ii. Create outreach subcommittee. Bailey motions to create outreach subcommittee, Bailey seconds.
      1. Yes: Bailey, Kayla, Charlea, Konrad, Hayden C., MJ, Hayden
      2. Absent: Keenan, Dylan No:

3. The motion passes, outreach subcommittee is created
  - a. Hayden C. is interested to join
- g. Grant Coordinator – Projects and fiscal update
  - i. No new projects at this moment, Keenan is working on marketing to hopefully get more projects. Around \$130k in budgets for new projects, will meet with Hayden C. to review submission guidelines and follow up with unresponsive/delinquent projects.
  - h. Discussion – Let's try and save our discussion on these topics until after all updates are given to save time (Robert's Rules of Order style).
5. Project discussion and vote
  - a. Metrics for success in place, but limited planning, maybe a survey to see how many people used the dispenser? Unsure how to track waste.
  - b. Ethical company that supports sustainability, this fits within the mission of GAF. However, large cost with limited impact on sustainability directly, but potential to increase awareness for a lot of students., except in an area not directly related to sustainability. Is there ways we could connect social and environmental issues more in the education/outreach? Contingency with informational graphics about waste associated with hygiene products to increase education/awareness and include a prompt directing people towards Clyde's cupboard with info about menstrual cups (or MOSAIC). Create/establish some safe spaces for people to gain more information on hygiene products if needed. If menstrual cups aren't included, actual impact to reducing waste and overall sustainability seems limited.

