GAF General Meeting

Teams video conferencing

March 18, 2020

**Members:**

1. Alex Jobe
2. Margo Pengilly
3. Alexis Musgrave (Lexi)
4. Teodora Dancer
5. Joshua Hellman
6. Vanessa Obetz
7. Jeff Spicher
8. Hannah Daugherty
9. Prudence Crawmer
10. Katharina Zito

**Non-Voting members:**

1. Margaret Gaddis
2. Kimberly Reeves

**9:15am**

Testing out technology for video conference.

**9:30 am**

**Soil Research Project**

The UCCS Open Space Soil and Revegetation Study project will investigate plant recovery by collecting and interpreting data from open space trail soil collection. By analyzing the soils present on different trails and comparing it to the aspect, slope, and the percent cover of the plants present adjacent the trails and in closed trails, they can gain a better understanding of plant recovery in regard to trail dynamics. The data collected from this project will provide authentic research experiences and community engagement for UCCS students and community members.

Challenges:

* Due to COVID-19 the rest of the experiment wil; have to occur off campus

Citizen science focuses on taking students and community members to get certified as citizen scientists so they can collect soil samples from UCCS and the community

* Participating in PSSC
* Citizen scientist partnership with Rocky Mountain Trail Institute

Asking for: $782.06

Questions:

Taxes included on the budget…are we not tax exempt as a state institute and higher education?

 No, we would not be charged taxes.

You guys are already working with Skylar and TJ at the rec center for the trails master plan, will your research help educate regarding destruction of trails via social use?

 They are testing two trails, one that was put in place intended for UCCS students and on that was created by UCCS students walking across it consistently. After completing research they would like to put appropriate signage. The student trail crew will be affected by this research.

You mentioned because of COVID-19 that you will have to use an incubator, how much will that cost?

 The biodome is $49 plus a heating mat, however they can support that cost through other sources.

With your education and outreach plan, how will you plan to attend the csurf conference?

 Assuming the worst, these conferences will be rescheduled for a future time.

**Discussion:**

In the past, we have often asked departments to think about what they currently have and can utilize within their departments. Do they already have some supplies that they can use. How will they market this project?

**Vote:**

Alex: Motion

Vanessa: second

Lexi: yes

Zano: yes

Hannah: yes

Jeff: yes

Katharina: yes

Margo: abstain

Pru: yes

Theodora: abstain

Vanessa: Yes

**9:50am**

**KFL Sustainability Student- Book Recycling Project**

In 2019 they created a sustainability strategic plan for KFL. While they have staff and faculty on Team Green they do not have any students.

The Problem- we have over 10,000 volumes of bound periodicals and the material is outdated and we need to get rid of them. Last time we did this, we were able to ship them to Denver and get them recycled. Now, that is no longer the case and they need to remove the binding from the periodicals before they can recycle them. They also face the same problem with all books in general. They need man power and funding to hire and in=embed a sustainability student in the library to oversee book recycling and other sustainability goals within KFL. Want the student to learn in this position and reduce the KFL ecological footprint.

Primary Project: debinding and recycling the library’s discarded books. Provide a learning opportunity for the student.

Educational Opportunities: Becoming a valuable team member of the library’s Team Green

They do have the possibility of moving forward with this position in the future. This we be a pilot position for the sustainability student in KFL.

Questions:

Can you elaborate on the specifics of the student position and the educational materials they will be providing?

1 hr per day will be used for book recycling. They currently have multiple sustainability projects within KFL so the student will be working with the KFL marketing team to create educational materials to send out to greater campus. They have a full list of different ideas for the student to manage. They can assist in keeping data on KFL’s waste and recycling. They can help create displays. They are also looking to create a training video for KFL Student Employees to introduce sustainability.

Will this be posted on S.E.A.N.?

Yes

How will COVID-19 affect this?

The timeline states that the student will begin this summer. That does all depend on if the campus is open this summer and they will have to postpone until the fall if they need to. One reason they want to do it this summer is to have more time for training and projects. It doesn’t really matter if they need to delay until this Fall.

Is 1 year necessary to asses the impact this position has at the library?

They thought it was a reasonable amount of time to be able to track and document the positions and process all of the periodicals that need recycled. They can make the evaluation program longer or shorter, however they think this is a reasonable timeline for KFL to determine future adjustments to their budget for the student position and recycling books.

**Discussion:**

I like it and I’m for it.

Don’t see anything wrong with it.

Fine with them as they stand, ready to approve.

No issues, well done and can make a huge impact.

All for it.

**Vote:**

Alex: motion

Hannah: second

Lexi: yes

Zano: yes

Jeff: yes

Katharina: yes

Margo: abstain

Pru: yes

Theodora: yes

Vanessa: yes

**10:30am**

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