

## **The Green Initiative Fund, Grants Making Committee**

October 22, 2007

**Members Present:** Brian Starr, Greg Bratman, Nina Salvador, Lena Moffitt, Bill Shelor, Mark Sentenac, Logan Green.

**Members Absent:** David McHale, Emily Cox, Donna Carpenter, Todd Lee.

**Also Present:** Christine Griffin

### **Budget Presentation and Overview of Funded Projects**

Logan Green announced that last year there were 18 funding applications. Ten applications were funded for a total of \$150,000. For fiscal year 2006-07 there is \$9,500 left over. Green presented power point presentation giving information on each of the ten projects. The committee discussed having the Greenhouse and Garden Project, the Zero Waste Project, and the energy consumption projects presenting to the committee. Green suggested arranging a tour of the Greenhouse and Ellison Hall. Nina Salvador recommended the committee invite one of the projects who did not receive funding to speak with the committee so that the committee gets a better sense of what type of feedback would be helpful to those who were funded and those who were not funded.

Lena Moffitt asked Green if the planned budget would include money for advertising and publicity? The committee discussed different publicity tactics. Green mentioned Perrin Pellegrin of the Waterless Urinals Project suggested that we could place plaques by the urinals stating TGIF funded the urinals. The committee also discussed taking out ads in the *93106* and the *Nexus* to advertise. Green also noted there is usefulness in contacting professors and giving a short talk at the beginning of lectures to get the word out there. He also noted, he is the web-master for both the TGIF website and the campus sustainability website, and he is putting information on all the projects on the TGIF website. Salvador mentioned the use of Facebook, and Green added the use of u-mail, and the d-list to reach people. Mark Sentenac added the undergraduate list-servs maintained by individual departments are another good way of contacting students.

### **Selection of Chair**

Green announced the Chair would work with him to run the meetings and plan agenda items. Salvador added that in situations where the committee has agreed to attend an event the Chair is responsible for attending; serving as chair is a big time commitment. Mark Sentenac volunteered to chair the committee. Brian Starr volunteered to be Vice-Chair. The committee unanimously agreed.

### **Goals for the year**

The committee noted the following goals for the year:

- Discussion of organic foods,
- Completing the by-laws and ratifying,
- Discussion on whether or not to require a faculty or staff advisor for every project,

Stipulating what type of account the money for funded projects can go into,  
What type of feedback the committee would like to provide and standardizing the  
feedback process,  
Address how to handle loans that payback TGIF,  
Speaking with 1 project that was funded and 1 that was not, and  
Looking at the advisory board and coinciding by-laws

### **Funding application Process and Schedule**

The committee noted the funding process began late in the year, and they ended up rushing to complete the work. There was not time to provide feedback. The committee agreed there was more time this year to begin the process sooner, and agreed on the following timetable:

Publish Application Dates: Third week of Winter Quarter  
Letter of Inquiry and Proposal: End of January  
10-Minute Presentations: February  
Deadline for reading proposals: March  
Vote and allocate funding: April after Spring Break

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

At the next meeting the committee would like to look at the proposals from last year. The committee will also review the by-laws before the next meeting to discuss the unfinished sections. The committee will meet on Monday, October 29 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.