

UFFAB Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 13th, 2014
303 GSB Large Conference Room

Members Present:

Jenna Muniz, ULC, Chair
Lexi Evans, Warner College of Natural Resources, Vice Chair
Ashley Cypress, College of Health and Human Sciences
Michelle Staros, College of VMBS
Jeff Cook, Graduate School
Amber Weimer, College of Natural Sciences
Matt Lancto, College of Liberal Arts
Matt Fergen, College of Business
Lance Oles, College of Agricultural Sciences
Alex Brown, College of Engineering

Members Not Present:

Members at Large Present:

Sam Guinn, ASCSU Representative

Members at Large Not Present:

Associate Members Present:

Robert Edwards, College of Natural Sciences

Associate Members Not Present:

Ex – Officio Members Present:

Steve Hultin, Faculty Advisor
Becca Wren, Staff Support
Lindsay Brown, Staff Support
Cassidy Collins, Staff Support
Andrew Olson, SFRB Liaison
Kristi Buffington, Manager for Space and Information Management, Facilities Management
Patrick Burns, Ex – Officio Member
Tamla Blunt, Ex-Officio Member

Visitors:

Stacey Baumgarn - Facilities Management
Joe Ewing - VP of Strategic Planning of Net Impact
Marilyn Thayer - TRIO

I. Call to Order at 5:00 PM

- a. Jenna called the meeting to order

II. Approval of Minutes from February 6th, 2013

- a. Michelle noticed that the motion to legitimize the Visual Arts project should read “none abstained,” instead of “all abstained.”
- b. Jenna made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6th, 2013 with the change discussed.
- c. Jeff seconded.
- d. Motion approved.

III. Presentation - Joe Ewing - Water Bottle Filling Station

- a. Stacey Baumgarn, Campus Energy Coordinator, introduced himself as well as Joe Ewing, the presenter.
- b. Joe Ewing, an MBA student in the College of Business, explained that CSU’s sustainable initiatives were a major draw for him in choosing to study at CSU.
- c. The filling station project request is \$105,000 for a total of 30 stations around the most trafficked areas on CSU’s campus.
- d. This project request has 3 tiers of funding for consideration.
- e. An accurate survey of filling stations was found through data collection via instagram.
 - i. Net Impact members traveled around campus and took photos of all water fountains to see what type of installation would be needed to replace the fountain with a filling station.
- f. Filling stations will benefit students in three main ways:
 - i. Convenience
 - ii. Improved health and hydration
 - iii. Modernization
- g. CSU is the second highest rated campus in regards to sustainability efforts in academia, operations, and administration. Net Impact will monitor the usage of the filling stations which provide data for future sustainability reports.
- h. Stacey passed out handouts that showed more detailed project information and gave Jenna a packet with 7 different recommendation letters from student organizations.
- i. Tamla asked what the average sizes of water bottles are, in general.
 - i. Stacey answered that the average is 16.9 fl oz.
 - ii. Stacey mentioned that they met with Donna Aurand in Procurement Services, who verified that the filling stations will not interfere with the contact CSU has with Coca-Cola.
- j. Jeff asked Joe to elaborate on the gamification of the project data.
 - i. Joe explained that Net Impact intends to create an incentive program to measure how many students are interested in reducing waste. Net Impact wants to encourage students to remain involved in sustainability initiatives by rewarding them with prizes.
- k. Sam mentioned that Boise State removed water bottle filling stations because of a fungal problem.
 - i. Joe answered that there is a solution to the contamination problem.
 - ii. Stacey explained that Fort Collins has high quality water that does not require filtration. In the case of Boise State, the filtration system installed in the filling stations was infested with fungus. CSU will not install filtration systems and will therefore avoid fungal infestation.
- l. Steve asked if all water fountains are replaceable with filling stations.
 - i. Stacey answered that some fountains are older with older fixtures that will need to be totally removed and replaced while others can be easily retrofitted.
- m. Amber asked if there are any other sources of funding for the project, as she did not feel UFFAB was the appropriate body to fund this project.
 - i. Stacey answered no, except if filling stations are designed in the conception of a new building.
- n. Jenna thanked Stacey and Joe for coming and introduced Marilyn Thayer.

IV. Presentation - Marilyn Thayer - TRIO

- a. Marilyn began by saying that her goal of this project is to make the TRIO building more welcoming.
- b. TRIO is one of the first federally funded programs to increase the college retention and graduation rates of first generation, low income, and disabled students.
- c. An important part of TRIO's mission is to provide service in a safe and supportive environment.
- d. 282 students are enrolled in the program each year, but there are still many students present in the building, attending workshops. Over the course of 6 years, 685 students were served at TRIO, and more than 50 students worked in the center as interns and work study jobs each year.
- e. Benefits to the students:
 - i. Academic achievement
 - ii. Mental health wellness
 - iii. Graduation rate increase
 - iv. School connectedness
 - v. Student and staff retention
 - vi. Risk prevention in terms of safety
- f. Marilyn showed the Board pictures of the existing conditions in the Gibbons building. Photos show that there are large ripples and tears in the carpet.
 - i. This is an issue of safe mobility in the environment because students with disabilities have difficulty with the uneven surface.
- g. This project will create a bright, welcoming, and respectful learning environment for the students to feel safe in.
- h. The request from UFFAB is \$17,896 after the Provost and Facilities Management both contributed \$5,000.
 - i. Marilyn calculates that the value per student is \$26/student from 6 years of data
- i. Jenna asked if students are only in the program for one year.
 - i. Marilyn answered that students are at the TRIO center for 4-6 years and most of the students continue in the program until graduation.
- j. Michelle asked if the federal funding can cover any of the facility's needs.
 - i. Marilyn answered that no, they will not provide any remodel funding.
- k. Jenna thanked Marilyn for coming to present.

V. Legitimacy vote

- a. Michelle asked if the Board thinks the filling station project fits UFFAB bylaws.
- b. Jeff asked about the connection between water and academic success and does not know if this has connection has been documented.
 - i. Jeff also added that he believes that the project does prove to enhance and improve academics.
 - ii. Lexi agreed.
- c. Jenna added that she believes it could fit the bylaws and thinks it's important that a student group proposed this idea, seeing the benefits.
- d. Jeff moved to legitimize the project.
- e. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- f. Project legitimized - Water Bottle Filling Stations

VI. Jenna moved the Board into a legitimacy vote on Marilyn Thayer's project.

- a. Tamla mentioned that the TRIO program is very good, as she was a tutor there when she was a student.
- b. Jeff moved to legitimize the project.
- c. Lexi seconded.

- d. All approved, none opposed, none abstained.
- e. Project legitimized - TRIO

VII. Open Forum and SFRB Survey Update - Steve

- a. Steve updated the Board on the new projected cost of the Biology building, which is now \$81.6 million. He explained the analysis of the fee, and how much the fee may be increased by.
- b. Becca said that Dr. Frank was no longer able to attend the Open Forum, due to unforeseen circumstances.
- c. Steve added that there should be a very strong presence of the UFFAB college representatives at the Open Forum. If not the initial representative, each college should send an associate.
- d. Andrew said that he met with Dave McKelfresh and the survey is almost done, except for some question composition details.

VIII. Next meeting February 20th, 2014.

IX. Adjourn at 6:01 PM