Student Sustainability Council

Meeting Minutes

[12/08/2024]

**Taken by:** Leila Dawson

1. **Beginning of Meeting**

a) [4:00pm] - Reading of the Preamble and Introductions

1. **Proposal Presentations** [4:06pm]

a) [4:06pm] - Presentation Begins “UK TreeCATs 2025 and UFI Tree Corps Crew Leaders”

* Protect and promote tree canopy, and create tree stewards
* Recruiting Tree Corps Crew Leaders for TreeCATS 2025 workshop
* Total ask: $15,159.10

b) [4:27pm] - Presentation Begins “Sustainability Internship Program 2025-2026”

* Partnership with SSC that pairs undergraduates with offices on campus that advance sustainability.
* Seeking to increase the number of student interns from 11 to 18 and add the following offices: Campus Woods, Waste Minimization/Chemical Redistribution. Hopes to continue to seek partners with funding for a “matching contingency.”
* Total ask: $45,256.56

c) [4:42pm] - Presentation Begins “University of Kentucky Solar Car Team”

* Founded in 1999 as an independent student-led organization that operates on campus through the College of Engineering, 50 active members
* Seeks funding for initial entry fee, track fee, and hotel & food
* Total ask: $10,550

d) [4:59pm] – Presentation Begins “Proposing "Locally Chopped" and Supporting Campus Kitchens at UK”

* Offers free meals for students aiming to reduce food waste
* Seeks funding for “Locally Chopped”: cooking demonstration series held once a month, uploading demonstrations online to maximize student impact, budget friendly meals.
* Seeks funding for CKUK General Operations: offers opportunities for students to volunteer, learn, and lead initiatives.
* Total ask: $20,000

1. **Q&A Session** [4:19pm]

a) [4:19pm] – “UK TreeCATs 2025 and UFI Tree Corps Crew Leaders” Q&A begins

* What are the jobs of the 2 students that you are employing?
  + Working on the website to promote activities, gather students for activities—serve as interface between students and organizations that needs help.
* How many events will the TreeCATs students coordinate?
  + A couple events per month that will engage with UFI.
* How many people apply for TreeCATs?
  + 2024 there were 32 applicants, and 29 grad students. Numbers are growing every year.
* They do 20hrs of training then go out for 5 hours?
  + 20 hours of training which includes the assignment. Everyday students take observations of buds and document their full growth into a tree. Students are tasked with 3 assignments and a final project, which is a 5hr commitment.

[4:24pm] – Motion to extend by 2 mins, Darren & Alycie

* What will you do if you only receive funding for one student?
  + Restructure size of program for UK students and see if there are other opportunities to gather funding.
* Are there two events the current interns are in charge of per month?
  + They have their own project through UK SIP.

b) [4:35pm] - “Sustainability Internship Program 2025-2026” Q&A Begins

* What are the priorities of the UK healthcare and Built environment interns?
  + UK healthcare is looking to consolidate their sustainability interns. Working with greenspaces group, administrative tasks—writing sustainability priorities with how UK will address issues. Writing job description for coordinator. Built environment is working on designs for garden planter boxes that will go on campus.
* How many interns are there now?
  + 11
* This funding is with the pay raise?
  + Yes
* If you took out the contingency money, would it change us having to vote to change the policy?
  + No. It would be closer to the target, though.
* Will the matching contingency only be used if one area doesn’t have funding?
  + Our first priority is to create new intern areas.

[4:40pm] – Motion to extend by 2 mins, Alycie & Shaun

* Will funding be returned if the interns do not work the full hours?
  + Yes

c) [4:50pm] - “University of Kentucky Solar Car Team” Q&A Begins

* How much money is for the hotel and for food?
  + $80 a night, 6 days, and food for 20+ people for $3300.
* You’re sending 20 people earlier and you said you have 50 members…Why did you choose 20 people to send to the race?
  + It goes by management structure; it will be first come first serve. Limited at 25 members. Might have to pay late member fee for race.
* Have you guys registered or entered?
  + Yes
* Have you paid the deposit
  + No
* Have you all supplied a budget for matching funds or are you asking for a suspension of funding guidelines?
  + We have made it but not submitted it.
* Is funding going to the development of the solar car or just for the race?
  + Funding will be reserved for hotel and food costs.
* How much funding went into the previous solar car?
  + $125,000

[4:40pm] – Motion to extend by 2 mins, Alycie & Shaun

* If we do not give you the money today, what will you do?
  + We will seek other funding.
* How did you calculate the cost of food for 6 days?
  + Made a sheet of what we bought in bulk from previous years and estimated what ingredients would cost.

d) [4:59pm] – “Proposing "Locally Chopped" and Supporting Campus Kitchens at UK” Q&A

* How many students are you expecting to host?
  + 20-30 students
* Are you serving the broader area of Lexington and UK?
  + Yes
* What items are you getting donated
  + Getting fruits/veggies/protein, not every week
* How do you advertise to students?
  + Promotional on BBNvolved, Instagram

1. **Discussion** [5:25pm]

a) [5:25pm] – Discussion of “UK TreeCATs 2025 and UFI Tree Corps Crew Leaders” Begins

i) The council voted to amend the proposal to remove the line items associated with the UFI Tree Corps Crew Leaders. The council was not convinced that the responsibilities of the crew leaders justify two new positions within UFI and would like more details on what each crew leader would do, how the responsibilities will require 20 hours per week, and why the role cannot be taken on by UFI's current crew.

[5:32pm] – Motion to amend the proposal to fund the workshop stipend for $5,500 and UFI outreach coordinator $817, Shaun & Mallory

[5:33pm] – Motion to vote the proposal to fund the workshop stipend for $5,500 and UFI outreach coordinator $817, Shaun & Sophia

[5:34pm] – Motion to vote Kaylee, Sam

**VOTE RESULTS** – PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [12] No [0] Abstain [0]

b) [5:35pm] – Discussion of “Sustainability Internship Program 2025-2026” Begins

i) The council voted to amend the proposal to fund 50% of the current 11 interns with a total price of $22,628.28. Instead of increasing the number of interns, the council recommends diversifying the number of interns per intern area. The current interns could be rearranged within the departments to fit new positions (e.g. reducing the number of interns holding a Recycling position and adding them to a Campus Woods position instead). The council would love to see the interns attend a meeting to report on their duties and discuss how they are making an impact!

ii) The council is hesitant to allocate funding to the 'Contingency' line item due to the perception that it represents an undefined use of resources. Without an actionable plan for how these funds will be utilized, the provided rationale does not provide enough assurance to justify this expenditure.

[5:46pm] – Motion to amend the proposal to fund 50% of 11 interns, Shaun & Sophia

[5:46pm] – Motion to vote, Alycie & Ari

[5:49pm] – Motion to vote on overriding funding guidelines, Shaun & Sam

[5:49pm] – Motion to vote, Sophia & Sam

**VOTE RESULTS** – PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [12] No [0] Abstain [0]

c) [5:35pm] – Discussion of “Solar Car” Begins

i) Have a concrete budget that contains an itemized list of elements such as the hotel costs per room, per night, and calculation of food costs. Seek matching funding.

[5:59pm] – Motion to vote, Sophia & Sam

**VOTE RESULTS** – PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [0] No [12 ] Abstain [0]

d) [5:35pm] – Discussion of “Campus Kitchen” Begins

i) Separating proposals and voting for a year of locally chopped $3150. Would like a more comprehensive budget for general operations. Would like to assess the impact of “Locally Chopped” before voting to fund for another year.

**VOTE RESULTS** – PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [12] No [0] Abstain [0]

**PROPOSAL #1 VOTING RECORD, “**UK TreeCATs 2025 and UFI Tree Corps Crew Leaders**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Mallory Sparks | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Samantha Gentry | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Darren Tosh | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
|  |  | Ari Almeida | Y |

* + 1. Amount requested: [$15,159]
    2. **Amount approved: [$6,317]**

**PROPOSAL #2 VOTING RECORD, “**Sustainability Internship Program 2025-2026**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Mallory Sparks | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Samantha Gentry | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Darren Tosh | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
|  |  | Ari Almeida | Y |

* + 1. Amount requested: [$45,256.56]
    2. **Amount approved: [$29,283.76]**

**PROPOSAL #3 VOTING RECORD, “**Solar Car**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | N | Mallory Sparks | N |
| Leila Dawson | N | Kaylee Bliss | N |
| Alycie Caya | N | Samantha Gentry | N |
| Kauner Shacklette | N | Phoebe Brown | N |
| Sophia McKay | N | Darren Tosh | N |
| Sophia Cahill | N | Sophia Hahn | N |
|  |  | Ari Almeida | N |

1. Amount requested: [$10,550]
2. **Amount approved: [$0]**

**PROPOSAL #4 VOTING RECORD, “**Campus Kitchen**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Mallory Sparks | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Samantha Gentry | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Darren Tosh | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
|  |  | Ari Almeida | Y |

1. Amount requested: [$20,000]
2. **Amount approved: [$3150]**

**ATTENDANCE**

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| **Name** | **P/A** | **Name** | **P/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | P | Sophia Cahill | P |
| Ella Bratcher | A | Sophia Hahn | P |
| Darren Tosh | P | Finley Haight | A |
| Parker Schimpff | A | Phoebe Brown | A |
| Leila Dawson | P | Ari Almeida | P |
| Sam Dukes | A | Sophia McKay | P |
| Brandon Bolf | A | Kaylee Bliss | P |
| Alycie Caya | P | Eli Ortt | A |
| Kauner Shacklette | P | Samantha Gentry | P |
| Mallory Sparks | P | Caity Weaver | A |
| Mae Hanna | A | Kayla Payne | A |
| Kyle Heffernan | A | Morgan Knutsen | A |