Student Sustainability Council

Meeting Minutes

[2/16/2025]

**Taken by:** Leila Dawson

1. **Beginning of Meeting**

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

1. **Proposal Presentations** [4:05pm]

a) [4:05pm] - Presentation Begins “UFI TreeCorps”

* Creating engagement opportunities through tree canopy
* UFI Tree Corps engages in volunteer work around the UK campus with cooperation from Nic Williamson (PPD), in Lexington with cooperation from African Cemetery No. 2 and other entities, and should opportunities arise, in KY communities where UFI is currently working
* Total ask: $7876.00

b) [4:18pm] - Presentation Begins “Graduate Appalachian Research Community”

* Create a community of interdisciplinary scholars to promote conversations around Appalachian issues across fields
* This year’s theme is *Insider/Outsider*, with a particular emphasis on imagined divides. Keynote speaker is folklorist Dr. Sarah Craycraft from Harvard.
* Held in the Healthy Kentucky Research Building on March 8th, and the event runs through multiple thematic sessions from 9:00-5:00.
* Total ask: $1,000.00

c) [4:35pm] - Presentation Begins “Solar Car”

* Large and active student body that works during the school year to design and construct competitive solar vehicles
* Independent, student-led organization that operates on UK’s campus through the College of Engineering
* Seeking funding for meals, hotel rooms, and race shirts
* Total ask: $9,074.00

HON 352 Scope Change: APPROVED additional $800

d) [4:32pm] Motion to vote Scope Change Finn, Kaylee 2nd

e) [4:53pm] - Presentation Begins “Patagonia Keynote”

* Inviting Vincent Stanley to UK’s campus to deliever a sustainability keynote address that explores how Patagonia has emerged as multi-billion-dollar company and popular brand that sees the planet as their only shareholder.
* Total ask: $14,989.47

f) [5:07pm] - Presentation Begins “Hydration Station”

* Effort to pivot from single use plastic bottles to hydration stations and refillable options for the Move-in.
* After a successful pilot in 2022, the partnership went full scale in 2023 and reducing the number the number of single use plastic bottles distributed by 90% and filling the equivalent of 21,000 bottles at the hydration stations.
* Total ask: $5000.00
1. **Q&A Session** [4:15pm]

a) [4:15pm] – “UFI TreeCorps” Q&A begins

* What kind of training will the UFI TreeCorps receive?
	+ The team will receive technical training on collecting inventory, communication training on how to interact with stakeholders, and overall leadership training.
* Will members of Alpha Phi Omega be considered for the TreeCorps?
	+ They are interested in working with UFI to collect members who might be interested in volunteering.
* What is your plan if none of the current Treecats decide to apply for a leadership position over the summer?
	+ We will promote extensively; however, we are confident that they may. If not, we will extend the position to students outside of UFI.
* Do you know the criteria of what you’re looking for in crew leaders?
	+ The program is open to UK students and students from other communities. Anyone who applies will receive basic training on urban forestry.
* How long is the appointment for the crew leaders?
	+ The program starts in April, the work will start in May, and the program will end in August.

b) [4:22pm] - “Graduate Appalachian Research Community” Q&A Begins

* Did you only consider local businesses for catering?
	+ Yes, we wanted local businesses that specialize in dietary restrictions, so that we could be inclusive.
* You mentioned the SSC would be funding 1/3 of this project, where is the other 2/3 of funding being directed?
	+ Our guest speaker, guest speaker transportation & housing, and promotional items for our guest speaker
* How many keynote speakers are you anticipating having?
	+ One professor from Harvard
* Are the other members from the Appalachian community?
	+ They will mainly be UK graduate students. Half will be from UK and the other half will be from regional college communities that have Appalachian studies.
* Have you received quotes from catering with exact prices?
	+ Not yet, since we had to reconsider catering from Campus Kitchens.
* How have your numbers been in previous years regarding attendees?
	+ We’ve had about 50-100 people, and we have a zoom option available for those who cannot attend.

c) [4:40pm] - “Solar Car” Q&A Begins

* Are the days of these events at different locations?
	+ No, it will be all at one location
* Why are 50 hotel rooms needed for 20 members?
	+ We might have to reconfigure. There are 20 members over the course of 6 days.
* Are the race shirts just for your members, or do you hand them out?
	+ The purpose behind the extra shirts is an extra set of race shirts for people to have to change into because it will be hot.
* What happens with the extra shirts after the race?
	+ The members attending the race will keep the shirts.
* Do you not think that it is unrealistic to have someone keep 7 of the same shirts? Even if the shirts are necessary, how is using the environmental stewardship fee to purchase them, advance sustainability?
	+ For the members attending the race they are used as a mobile sponsorship/awareness of sustainable energy.
* How would us not funding the shirts impact your ability to attend the race?
	+ It does not impact us too much, but it would be nice. We are willing to accept partial funding.
* Can you tell us more about the timeline of the project, specifically the race fees?
	+ We have already submitted the race fees and we are currently establishing the logistics for the hotel.

[4:47pm] Motion to extend Q&A by 5 mins Shaun, Alycie 2nd

* How many people will be in the hotel room and how many will you need?
	+ There will be 4 people in each hotel room
* What is your plan for meals and food?
	+ Our plan stems from considering what we can do to feed people on a mass scale: burgers, hotdogs, and pasta. We will bring cooking materials, so that we can cook on the grounds at the race.
* Did you register for a race last year?
	+ We registered but had to withdraw due to small design flaws. The regulations changed.
* How are the members decided for who will be attending?
	+ Senior members are encouraged to go. We also check our attendance for who attends meetings most frequently.

d) [5:03pm] - “Patagonia Keynote” Q&A Begins

* You mentioned integrating this event into courses. Have you considered what this will look like?
	+ Each department has at least one class that they can make the keynote speaker a part of. Our business majors have never thought about going “purpose” over going “public.”
* Do you not think that $15,000 is a lot for someone who is focused on “purpose”?
	+ To have the founder speak it would have been $90,000-$100,000. For universities, the speaker fee is $15,000. The executives will likely reinvest the money they receive back into the company.

e) [5:12pm] - “Hydration Station” Q&A Begins

* What is the cost to purchase a station?
	+ $5,000
* Where are the hydration stations coming from?
	+ The selected company is in Detroit, along with the team who assembles them.
* Is there not a more local company?
	+ We investigated Hybridge Strings and Kentucky American Water, but they were unable to meet our needs.
* Will the stations be staffed during the entire day?
	+ Someone will not be standing at the station all day; however, staff members will periodically check the coils and pressures to ensure operative efficiency.
* Any thought about purchasing more stations for the university?
	+ One seems to be enough. I don’t think owning a fleet of these make sense for needing it only once a year.
1. **Discussion** [5:15pm]
2. [5:15pm] – Discussion of “UFI TreeCorps” Begins

i) Benefits the community, tied in with local organizations, gives students professional experience.

[5:23pm] – Motion to vote Finn, Kaylee 2nd

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

b) [5:23pm] – Discussion of “Graduate Appalachian Research Community” Begins

i) We’ve funded this proposal previously. We like the connection to environmental stewardship and local restaurant collaboration.

[5:27pm] – Motion to vote Finn, Kauner 2nd

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

c) [5:27pm] – Discussion of “Solar Car” Begins

i) Conflict with SSC’s mission statement with the request for shirts. Arguing one shirt with SSC logo, for visibility so they have branding

ii) Concerned if campus will see benefits from this project, however we recognize the opportunity for students working in solar car to get experience working in renewable energy.

iii) Voting contingent upon receiving a comprehensive breakdown of how they came to the number for meals and hotel rooms: how many rooms, people per room, nights, where they’re staying, price per night.

[5:35pm] - Motion to extend 5 mins Shaun, Alycie 2nd

[5:41pm] - Motion to extend by 5 mins Shaun, Kauner 2nd

[5:46pm] - Motion to by 5 mins Shaun, Kaylee 2nd

[5:48pm] - Shaun, Ari 2nd Motion to amend funding to $7,574 to allow for one shirt per race participant

[5:51pm] - Amendment Approved

[5:51pm] - Motion to extend by 5 mins Shaun, Sophia

[5:56pm] Motion to extend 5 mins Shaun, Ari

[6:01pm] - Motion to extend by 5 mins Shaun, Sophia

[6:05pm] – Motion to vote Shaun, Ari 2nd

**VOTE RESULTS** – PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [8] No [4] Abstain [0]

d) [6:05pm] – Discussion of “Patagonia Keynote” Begins

i) Nice that business students are targeted and the potential it has to impact curriculum. Think other students would be interested with this opportunity. Ability to extend beyond the business college.

ii) Concerned about the costs for “honorarium,” however we considered the value of what will be brought to our campus.

[6:10pm] – Motion to vote Sophia, Finn 2nd

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

e) [6:10pm] – Discussion of “Hydration Station” Begins

i) UK now did an article, so there is visibility. Freshman and parents will see the stations, SSC logo, benefits for partnerships.

ii) Directly contributes to UK’s zero waste goals but have problems with having to ship in equipment and fly people out.

[6:13pm] – Motion to vote Ari, Sophia 2nd

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

**ANNOUCEMENTS:**

* Come to “Locally Chopped” Campus Kitchens event this Wed. 2/19 from 11am–1pm
* Tree Cats apps open through March 2nd
* Applications for next year open tomorrow 2/17! All members must reapply!

**PROPOSAL #1 VOTING RECORD, “**UFI TreeCorps**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Ella Bratcher | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Ari Almeida | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Finn Haight | Y |

* + 1. Amount requested: [$7,876.00]
		2. **Amount approved: [$7,876.00]**

**PROPOSAL #2 VOTING RECORD, “**Graduate Appalachian Research Community**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Ella Bratcher | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Ari Almeida | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Finn Haight | Y |

* + 1. Amount requested: [$1,000.00]
		2. **Amount approved: [$1,000.00]**

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

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Ella Bratcher | Y |
| Leila Dawson | N | Kaylee Bliss | N |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Phoebe Brown | N |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Ari Almeida | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | N | Finn Haight | Y |

1. Amount requested: [$9,074.00]
2. **Amount approved: [$7,574.00]**

**PROPOSAL #4 VOTING RECORD, “**Patagonia Keynote**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Ella Bratcher | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Ari Almeida | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Finn Haight | Y |

1. Amount requested: [$14,949.47]
2. **Amount approved: [$14,949.47]**

**PROPOSAL #5 VOTING RECORD, “**Hydration Station**”**

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| **Name** | **Y/N/A** | **Name** | **Y/N/A** |
| Shaun Lavin | Y | Ella Bratcher | Y |
| Leila Dawson | Y | Kaylee Bliss | Y |
| Alycie Caya | Y | Phoebe Brown | Y |
| Kauner Shacklette | Y | Ari Almeida | Y |
| Sophia McKay | Y | Sophia Hahn | Y |
| Sophia Cahill | Y | Finn Haight | Y |

1. Amount requested: [$5000]
2. **Amount approved: [$5000]**

**ATTENDANCE**

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