

Student Sustainability Council

Meeting Minutes

[9/4/2025]

Taken by: Graciela Martinez

1) Beginning of Meeting

- a) [5:30] - Introductions
- b) [5:47] - Annual Report Overview/Financial Update
- c) [5:57] - Reading of the Constitution
- d) [6:06] - Council Structure/Committee Duties/Credits
- e) [6:19] - How Meetings Work: Structure and Flow, Funding
- f) [6:24] - Robert's Rules
- g) [6:26] - Preamble

2) Proposal Presentations [6:29]

- a) [6:30] - **National Recycling Day** Presentation Begins
 - Event aimed to introduce new UK community members to recycling at UK and to remind existing members.
 - Will serve as a learning opportunity for student in HMT 570 to plan and coordinate an interactive educational event.
 - Will showcase progress towards UK's goal to being a zero waste campus by 2030.
 - Total Requested \$1000
- b) [6:40] - Motion to extend National Recycling Day presentations time by 2 minutes
(Motioned by Kauner, 2nd by Kayle)
- c) [6:44] - **National Recycling Day** Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins

- How will the event be measured for success? Student of the class HMT 570 will develop their own measures, perhaps attendance or surveys and more.
 - How will you encourage people to promote the event? Online and offline resources - UK Recycling social media, UKnow, etc.
 - Is the funding for material objects going to be used collaboratively or by individual students? The materials will be used collaboratively by the full group.
 - How many people do you estimate will attend the event? Not yet calculated.
 - If this is a recurring event, will it be managed by your class every year? Yes.
 - With the event being held in the Student Center, will this project be geared primarily towards students, or towards the UK community as a whole? The time we are considering running the event is about lunchtime, so we are hoping to catch some employees, but students will likely be the primary audience.
- d) [6:50]- Motion to extend National Recycling Day Q&A by 2 minutes (Motioned by Kauner, 2nd by Kayle)
- e) [6:51] - **National Recycling Day** Q&A Ends
- f) [6:54] - **Mycology Club** Presentation Begins
- Will table at the Sustainability Festival on September 18th and have a toilet paper inoculation as a hands-on demonstration which families can take home.
 - Expecting and planning for 60 participants.
 - Has had many inoculation events in the past funded by the SSC.
 - Total requested: \$170
- g) [6:59] - **Mycology Club** Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins
- What is the target audience for this? Kids.

- Will there be any information cards about the oyster mushrooms that could be taken home with the TP inoculation? No, information is always given verbally, but perhaps they will look into this.
- Does the inoculation pose any threats to the children that will handle them? No they mushrooms are edible and nothing will be used that could cause harm.
- How many attendees do you estimate having? Roughly 150.
- What will you do if you have leftover supplies? Potentially host another inoculation event.

h) [7:03] - **Mycology Club** Q&A Ends

i) [7:04] - **AASHE Conference** Presentation Begins

- Funding for 8 students to attend the yearly AASHE conference held in Minneapolis, MN.
- Includes flights, housing, and conference tickets.
- Highly impactful experience with many opportunities for networking, learning, and new perspectives.
- Total requested: \$12,519.50

j) [7:08] - **AASHE Conference** Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins

- Is this open to anyone? Yes, anyone can apply there is no major bias.
- Is food included? No, participants will pay for their own food outside the conference.
- How are participants chosen? Members within the SSC will review the applications and be given a rubric which will help them decide.
- Are there any trips prior or after the meeting for participants? There was a pre-connect meeting once, but it is no longer apart of the plan. Open to reestablishing this and having

an opportunity for participants to reflect on their experience with an option to share to the UK community.

- Are the sessions high-level concepts specific to certain universities or are they things that you can bring back to our campus? Both! Sessions are geared towards sustainability faculty, staff, leadership, students, etc.
- Were there any conference requirements for the attendees, like an Instagram takeover, or review afterwards? None last year but open to asking students to contribute some knowledge that they take away from the conference.

[7:13]- Motion to extend AASHE Conference Q&A by 2 minutes (Motioned by Sophia and second by Kauner)

k) [7:17] - **AASHE Conference Q&A Ends**

l) [7:19] - **SSC Constitution Change** Presentation Begins

- Changes to the wording of the constitution to make it simpler.
- Changing attendance policy to ensure students cannot miss more than half of the SSC meetings for the entire year.
- Proposal review requirement to ensure council comes prepared with questions and can actively listen to its presenters.

m) [7:21] - **SSC Constitution Change** Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins

3) **Proposal Discussions**

a) [7:25] - Discussion of **National Recycling Day** begins

- Great idea that will involve the UK community and promote the recycling advancement UK has made.

- The involvement of students through HMT 570 provides a great insight and serves as a learning opportunity, directly impacting UK students.

b) [7:28] - Discussion of **National Recycling Day** ends

c) [7:28] - Motion to vote on **National Recycling Day** (Motion by Sophia, 2nd Anaya)

VOTE RESULTS - PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [14] No [] Abstain []

d) [7:29] - Discussion of **Mycology Club** begins

- Mycology club has a great standing with the SSC and asks for modest amounts.
- Worried that the amount of participants will surpass what the club is planning for.
- Seems that adults will be more intrigued by the inoculation than kids.

e) [7:35] Motion to amend the Mycology Club's budget to \$225 to increase amount of inoculations by 30 by Sophia, 2nd by Anaya

f) [7:36] - Discussion of **Mycology Club** ends

g) [7:36] - Motion to vote on **Mycology Club** (Motion by Sophia, 2nd Abe)

VOTE RESULTS - PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [14] No [] Abstain []

h) [7:37] - Discussion of **AASHE Conference** begins

- Suggests a reflective component after the conference.
- Open to many disciplines and has a high interest across the board.
- Has a large impact on participants that yields high return.
- Want to have a way for students who were rejected to still be involved in the conference.

i) [7:48] Motion by Abe, 2nd by Anaya to amend the proposal to have a statement asking the students to commit to a pre- and post-conference meeting to establish expectations and reflect after the conference. Additionally, they ask for each

student to share their experience at the expo through a presentation, written statement, green talk, SSC social media, written WholeSum blog article, or any other method deemed appropriate by the council.

j) [7:52] - Discussion of **AASHE Conference** ends

k) [7:52] - Motion to vote on **AASHE Conference** (Motion by Abe, 2nd Anaya)

VOTE RESULTS - PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [14] No [] Abstain []

l) [7:55] Discussion for **SSC Constitution Change**

- Communication for excused absence is under the discretion of the SSC director.
- Communication needs to be 48 hours prior to ensure we meet quorum, except in the case of emergencies.
- Review of SSC statement survey relating to reviewing of proposals.
- Language change for tabling outreach from hours to credits, simplifying the constitution.

m) [8:07] **SSC Constitution Change** Discussion Ends

n) [8:07] Motion to vote by Abe, 2nd by Anaya Ali

VOTE RESULTS - PASSED/NOT PASSED Yes [14] No [] Abstain []

PROPOSAL #1 VOTING RECORD, National Recycling Day

Name	Position	Y/N/A	Name	Position	Y/N/A
Abraham Condra	At-Large	Y	Sophia Hahn	At-Large Devlopment	Y
Casey Byrd	At-Large Outreach PMC	-	Taylor Griffin	At-Large	Y
Darren Tosh	At-Large	-	Anaya Ali	At-Large	Y
Ella Sides	At-Large	Y	Jordan Sheff	Org. Rep.	Y

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Finley Haight	At-Large	-	Ashton Martin	Org. Rep. (ASB)	Y
Graciela Martinez	At-Large T&A	Y	Sophia Cahill	Org. Rep. (MANRRS)	Y
Jessica Harrison	At-Large	Y	Riley Sauer	Org. Rep. (CK)	Y
Kauner Shacklette	At-Large Operations	Y	Charlie Eisner	Org. Rep. (EWB)	Y
Kaylee Bliss	At-Large Outreach	Y	Katie Taliaferro (Proxy: Lucy Taliaferro)	Org. Rep. (Hort. Club)	Y
Nuren Dihan	At-Large	-			

a) Amount requested: \$1000

b) Amount approved: \$1000

PROPOSAL #2 VOTING RECORD, Mycology Club

Name	Position	Y/N/A	Name	Position	Y/N/A
Abraham Condra	At-Large	Y	Sophia Hahn	At-Large Development	Y
Casey Byrd	At-Large Outreach PMC	-	Taylor Griffin	At-Large	Y
Darren Tosh	At-Large	-	Anaya Ali	At-Large	Y
Ella Sides	At-Large	Y	Jordan Sheff	Org. Rep. (WW)	Y
Finley Haight	At-Large	-	Ashton Martin	Org. Rep. (ASB)	Y
Graciela Martinez	At-Large T&A	Y	Sophia Cahill	Org. Rep. (MANRRS)	Y

Jessica Harrison	At-Large	Y	Riley Sauer	Org. Rep. (CK)	Y
Kauner Shacklette	At-Large Operations	Y	Charlie Eisner	Org. Rep. (EWB)	Y
Kaylee Bliss	At-Large Outreach	Y	Katie Taliaferro (Proxy: Lucy Taliaferro)	Org. Rep. (Hort. Club)	Y
Nuren Dihan	At-Large	-			

c) Amount requested: \$170

d) Amount approved: \$220

PROPOSAL #3 VOTING RECORD, AASHE Conference

Name	Position	Y/N/A	Name	Position	Y/N/A
Abraham Condra	At-Large	Y	Sophia Hahn	At-Large Development	A
Casey Byrd	At-Large Outreach PMC	-	Taylor Griffin	At-Large	Y
Darren Tosh	At-Large	-	Anaya Ali	At-Large	Y
Ella Sides	At-Large	Y	Jordan Sheff	Org. Rep. (WW)	Y
Finley Haight	At-Large	Y	Ashton Martin	Org. Rep. (ASB)	Y
Graciela Martinez	At-Large T&A	Y	Sophia Cahill	Org. Rep. (MANRRS)	Y
Jessica Harrison	At-Large	Y	Riley Sauer	Org. Rep. (CK)	Y
Kauner Shacklette	At-Large Operations	Y	Charlie Eisner	Org. Rep. (EWB)	Y

Kaylee Bliss	At-Large Outreach	Y	Katie Taliaferro (Proxy: Lucy Taliaferro)	Org. Rep. (Hort. Club)	Y
Nuren Dihan	At-Large	-			

e) Amount requested: \$12,519.50

f) Amount approved: \$12,519.50

PROPOSAL #3 VOTING RECORD, SSC Constitution Change

Name	Position	Y/N/A	Name	Position	Y/N/A
Abraham Condra	At-Large	Y	Sophia Hahn	At-Large Development	Y
Casey Byrd	At-Large Outreach PMC	-	Taylor Griffin	At-Large	Y
Darren Tosh	At-Large	-	Anaya Ali	At-Large	Y
Ella Sides	At-Large	Y	Jordan Sheff	Org. Rep. (WW)	Y
Finley Haight	At-Large		Ashton Martin	Org. Rep. (ASB)	Y
Graciela Martinez	At-Large T&A	Y	Sophia Cahill	Org. Rep. (MANRRS)	Y
Jessica Harrison	At-Large	Y	Riley Sauer	Org. Rep. (CK)	Y
Kauner Shacklette	At-Large Operations	Y	Charlie Eisner	Org. Rep. (EWB)	Y
Kaylee Bliss	At-Large Outreach	Y	Katie Taliaferro (Proxy: Lucy Taliaferro)	Org. Rep. (Hort. Club)	Y
Nuren Dihan	At-Large	-			

g) Amount requested: \$0

h) Amount approved: \$0

ATTENDANCE

Name	Position	Y/N/A	Name	Position	Y/N/A
Abraham Condra	At-Large	Y	Sophia Hahn	At-Large Development	Y
Casey Byrd	At-Large Outreach PMC	-	Taylor Griffin	At-Large	Y
Darren Tosh	At-Large	-	Anaya Ali	At-Large	Y
Ella Sides	At-Large	Y	Jordan Sheff	Org. Rep. (WW)	Y
Finley Haight	At-Large	A	Ashton Martin	Org. Rep. (ASB)	Y
Graciela Martinez	At-Large T&A	Y	Sophia Cahill	Org. Rep. (MANRRS)	Y
Jessica Harrison	At-Large	Y	Riley Sauer	Org. Rep. (CK)	Y
Kauner Shacklette	At-Large Operations	Y	Charlie Eisner	Org. Rep. (EWB)	Y
Kaylee Bliss	At-Large Outreach	Y	Katie Taliaferro (Proxy: Lucy Taliaferro)	Org. Rep. (Hort. Club)	Y
Nuren Dihan	At-Large	-			