Student Sustainability Council
Meeting Minutes
8/13/20

Taken by:

1) Beginning of Meeting
   a) [6:17] - Reading of the Preamble and Introductions

2) Proposal Presentations
   a) [6:21] - COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities Presentation Begins
   b) [6:30] - COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins
      i) Q1 - who do the indicators from the study go to in order to be properly used?
      ii) A1 - to local governments
      iii) Q2 - have you initiated conversations with city officials?
      iv) A2 - Yes.
      v) Q3 - what does the transportation line item money go towards?
      vi) A3 - its for travel around the city to talk to locals
      vii) Joel - motion to extend Q&A for 5 minutes, seconded by Jake
      viii) Q4 - what do these indicators apply to/for?
      ix) A4 - intended to help us prepare for another potential pandemic
      x) Q5 - how would you choose your focus groups?
      xi) A5 - divide the city into different geographic areas, then ask the local government about?
      xii) Q6 - you want to employ 5 student interns for 20hrs/week for 4 weeks?
xiii) A6 - wants to hire more, but will start with 5. Will start by giving a presentation for all UK students?

xiv) Ashlee motions to extend, Lexi seconds

xv) Q7 - have you based this methodology on other countries or is this a personal idea?

xvi) A7 - answer is unclear

xvii) Q8 - how are you going to ensure that your student interns will be able to communicate with the diverse local population?

xviii) A8 - He will ask the local government to help facilitate local communication

c) [6:46] - COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities Q&A Ends

d) [6:47] - AASHE Presentation Begins

e) [6:52] - AASHE Presentation Ends and Q&A Begins

i) Q1 - Are there other host Universities/sponsors that we should be aware of?

ii) A1 - any university can become a host university; the benefit is the much lower cost for participation

iii) Q2 - How would you plan on getting the info out to other non-SSC members? Are there plans to bring this to a wider audience?

iv) A2 - the larger UK administration is involved, so there are avenues like UKNow that are available to the Office of Sustainability to advertise through

v) Q3 - has UK been a host university in the past? And are there any long term benefits to becoming one?
vi) A3 - UK has never been a host university before, it appears that this is a new program.

vii) Q4 - what are our responsibilities as a host university?

viii) A4 - no responsibilities, basically acting as a sponsor

ix) Q5 - what is the conference going to look like?

x) A5 - some sessions are live, some are pre-recorded.

xi) Q6 - can you access sessions for a period of time after the conference is over?

xii) A6 - Yes, there is a month-long period afterward the conference ends where session-viewing is permitted

f) [6:59] - AASHE Q&A Ends

3) Proposal Discussions

a) [7:00] - Discussion of COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities begins

i) A lot of money being requested, especially since the presentation wasn't very detailed and didn't seem to have concrete goals

ii) Currently have $200,000 for the whole year plus a considerable amount of roll over from the spring semester (amount as of yet undetermined)

iii) Proposal doesn’t seem well planned out, particularly in regards to the budget

iv) There doesn’t appear to be much of a link between the project goals and environmental sustainability; more concerns about the amount of money requested and the research design

v) Have we as a council funded a researcher’s salary before? -> the council has funded paid positions before (ex. GA position in the office of
sustainability) but none of these have been this expensive without being matched.

vi) Motion to extend discussion from Madi, seconded by Joel

vii) Why is he seeking money from the SSC instead of the college he works for? -> likely because of budget cuts across the university as a whole

viii) Proponent is very new to the US, arrived about a week before COVID shut everything down; Shane suggests that this could come back to the council in a much better form with help from the council

ix) Desire to see a more detailed budget that explains exactly where the money is going

b) [7:17] - Discussion of COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities ends

c) [7:17] - Motion to vote on COVID-19 and Sustainable Cities (Motion by Joel Huether, seconded by Cameron Luker)

VOTE RESULTS - FAILED Yes [0] No [19] Abstain [0]

d) [7:23] - Discussion of AASHE begins

i) Conference is much more accessible in its current state, it's a great opportunity for students

ii) Can we make flyers to raise awareness for AASHE? -> Outreach committee will try to figure something out; UK PR is also going to be doing work to get the word out; should try to involve the diversity and inclusion chair

iii) Students would get a very tangible return on the fee that they pay

iv) It is acceptable to say no to funding this, we shouldn't feel obligated as a council to fund something based solely off precedent/traditional decisions
e) [7:28] - Discussion of AASHE ends

f) [7:28] - Motion to vote on AASHE (Motion by [Josh Ehl], 2nd [Joel Huether])

VOTE RESULTS - **PASSED** Yes [18]  No [#]  Abstain [1]

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