**Student Sustainability Council Meeting**

**7, September 2016**

18:00 – Ellen Green begins meeting by reading the preamble

18:01 – Introductions begin

18:03 – Presentation on Urban Forest initiative summer seminar begins (Lynne Rieske-Kinney)

18:13 - Presentation on Urban Forest initiative summer seminar ends (Lynne Rieske-Kinney)

18:14 – Q&A for Urban Forest initiative summer seminar series begins

18:20 – Discussion on Urban Forest initiative summer seminar series Begins.

18:25 - Discussion on Urban Forest initiative summer seminar series Ends

18:26 – Motion to vote on Urban Forest initiative summer seminar series (Ben, Mitch 2nd)

 **Vote Yes: 14 No: 0**

18:27 – Discussion on AASHE scope change begins

18:31 – Motion to vote on AASHE scope change (Mitch, Will 2nd)

**Vote Yes: 13 (one abstain) No: 0**

18:32 – Discussion on Proxy process begins

18:34 – Motion to vote on Proxy for Elizabeth Penava (Will, Ben 2nd)

**Vote Yes: 13 (one abstain) No: 0**

18:35 - Discussion on fee increase begins

18:46 – Motion to extend discussion by 5 minutes (Will, Jerrod 2nd)

18:51 – Motion to extend discussion by 5 minutes (Ben, Mitch 2nd)

18:54 – Motion to vote on amount for our fee increase (Will, Matthew 2nd)

 **Vote $0.50: 4 $1.00: 10**

18:55 – Committee meeting update (Presented by Ellen)

19:00 – Meeting adjourned

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| Name | Beginning | Ending |
| Shane Tedder | N | N |
| Ellen Green | Y | Y |
| Gabe Smith | Y | Y |
| Lauren Thomas | N | N |
| William Varney | Y | Y |
| Benjamin Troupe | Y | Y |
| Mitch Mullins | Y | Y |
| Rob Hanna | Y | Y |
| Grady Bryant | Y | Y |
| Ryan Lark | Y | Y |
| Jerrod Penn | Y | Y |
| Amanda Williams | N | N |
| Jennifer Taylor | Y | Y |
| Rachel Sunderlin | **N** | N |
| John Garlasco | **N** | N |
| Julianna Dantzer | Y | Y |
| Tara Hassinger | **Y** | Y |
| Taryn Pavain | **Y** | Y |
| Matthew Whisman | **Y** | Y |
| Rachel Cook | N | N |
| Elizabeth Penava | **N** | N |

**University of Kentucky Student Sustainability Council 2016-2017 Grant Application**

1. Name: Lynne Rieske-Kinney, Professor, Forest Entomology, co-Chair, Urban Forest Initiative

2. Email: Lrieske@uky.edu, and ph. 859.257.1167

3. UK Affiliation: Urban Forest Initiative and Department of Entomology

***4. Proposed Project Title: URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES***

5. If applicable, please provide the sponsoring or overseeing organization. (e.g. the Office of Sustainability,

Wildcat Wheels, the Dept. of Ag. Economics, etc.): Urban Forest Initiative, Depts of Entomology and Forestry

6. Total Amount Requested from the Council: $5,000

7. Would you like to make a presentation to the Council before your proposal is reviewed? Yes

8. Please mark the primary and secondary focus areas of your project with a 1 and 2, respectively.

• Recycling:

• Transportation:

• Agriculture/Gardening: 2

• Water:

• Renewable Energy/ Energy Conservation:

• Climate Change:

• Local Environment: 1

• Behavioral Change:

• Species Diversity/Conservation:

• Other (Please Describe): Community engagement 9. Please name any other project leaders:

Name Mary Arthur Title & Department Professor, Forest Ecology Project Role Co-Chair, Urban Forest Initiative Email marthur@uky.edu

*Please note that any project leaders listed will be excused for closed discussion of their project proposal.*

10. Please describe the project, its goals, and how it contributes to UK student knowledge, attitudes & culture, or

practices of the 3 pillars of sustainability (i.e. economic, environmental and social), including potential long term effects.

The Urban Forest Initiative has developed a widely successful URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES. For the second successive year (2016-17) we are inviting and hosting urban forest specialists to address ecological, economic and social benefits of the urban tree canopy. The purpose of the speaker series is to demonstrate the inter-connectedness of urban trees with the health and well-being of our communities. Our speakers range from social scientists addressing the societal benefits of healthy urban canopies to researchers investigating the composition of urban vegetation and the ecosystem services this vegetation provides to human populations. The upcoming seminar series is scheduled for September 2016 – April 2017 in venues readily accessible to students and the campus community, and will be sponsored by multiple entities across campus and the community. Specific topics and target audiences vary, but speakers will engage a significant audience of UK students and interested community members. All lectures are free and open to the public.

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11. Name any anticipated project affiliates and describe the extent of their support, including any financial, matching or in-

kind support. Specific details are encouraged.

The total budget estimate is $6,920, which will cover the expenses of three speakers and an UFI-sponsored film shown (free) at the Lexington Public Library. Monies have been requested from the USDA Forest Service, Kentucky Division of Forestry, the Tracy Farmer Institute of Sustainability and the Environment, the UK College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment Barnhart Award, and the Departments of Entomology, Forestry, and Horticulture to name a few. We are requesting $5,000 from the UK SSC.

12. Please mark the primary target population of your project with a 1.

• UK (general): 1, 2

• Undergraduates:

• Graduates:

• Community: 1

• Faculty:

• Other (Please Describe):

**In 250 words or less, please answer the following questions.**

13. Describe the intended University of Kentucky audiences and potential number of people impacted including any potential

diverse segments such as student or community organizations and supporting evidence (e.g. expected or historical event/speaker attendance).

The 2016-17 URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES will involve both academic and lay communities, including UK and other university students, faculty and staff, government agencies, K-12 educators, non- governmental organizations, and the general public. Attendance at each lecture is expected to be 50-150 people. Opportunities will be available for graduate and undergraduate students to interact with each invited speaker. Active student involvement will help develop the seminar series to its fullest potential, and help secure its continuance into the future, ideally as an annual occurrence.

14. Are there any students involved in the proposed project? If so, do they benefit from professional or technical skills, outputs, or

experiences such as presentations, posters, or reports?

Each UFI-sponsored public lecture has a reception with tabling preceding it; the SSC has had a table at our events in the past and are invited to do so in the future. All our events are free and past student engagement has been strong. Each speaker will engage with students on a semi-private basis, during small, intimate receptions, and at larger public gatherings. In the first year of our seminar series (2015-16) we can account for over 200 student contacts associated with the UFI Seminar Series and other UFI-related activities.

15. Please describe any previous history and to what extent you, other project leaders, or the sponsoring organization may have

with the UK Student Sustainability Council.

The success of the first year of the UFI Seminar Series is due in no small part to support from the SSC ($3,725 in 2015- 16). The SSC also funded an UFI intern, Amanda Williams, for signage for a UK Campus tree walk ($565.45 in 2016; project in progress). In 2011 the SSC supported my invitation to Charles Mann, author of ‘1491’ and ‘1493.’

16. Please outline a timeline and milestones to ensure project efficacy prior to and after project implementation.

The seminar series is scheduled for September 2016 – April 2017 in the Fayette County Extension Office, which is readily accessible to students and the campus community. We anticipate no delays in scheduling or implementation. Initial advertising is already in place on our web site (https://ukntrees.ca.uky.edu/). We will assure student involvement by advertising via the student organizations associated with the Departments of Forestry, Horticulture, and Entomology, Biology, Geography, and Sociology as well as through the Student Sustainability Council.

17. Does the success of your project require prior approval of other UK or non-UK entities (e.g. IRB or venue approval, etc.)? If so,

please provide supporting documentation. NO

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18. Please demonstrate how the Student Sustainability Council will be credited or advertised in your project (this can include

promotional material). Would a project leader be available for a radio interview?

The UK SSC will be fully credited on all paper and electronic advertisements for their support of the UFI Seminar Series, and has been and will be included in our web site announcements. A slide of speaker sponsors is projected at each event, and the SSC has been and will be included. There will be opportunities for tabling (see #14 above), which will provide additional opportunities for SSC advertising and student engagement with the community. An UFI representative would be happy to participate in a radio interview.

19. Using the following format, please provide a line item budget for the total amount request and what percent of the project is

being sponsored by SSC funding. Provide information sources or reasoning for the budget estimates.

Description $ Total Cost $ Request from SSC Source of remaining funds Speaker 2 – Charles Nilon 2,830 2,500 UK CAFE, Barnhart, TFISE, USDA FS, KDF, private

sponsors, solicitations Speaker 3 – Nina Bassuk 2,860 2,500 UK CAFE, Barnhart, TFISE, USDA FS, KDF, private

sponsors, solicitations Film – “City of Trees” 150 0 UK CAFE, Barnhart, TFISE, USDA FS,

**$5,840 $5,000**

20. Are you willing to accept a general reduction in your budget? YES

21. Are you willing to accept line item changes in your budget? YES

22. You may include additional attachments to supplement the application such as promotional material, resumes, letters of

collaborative funding, etc.

Please see the attached lineup of speakers for the 2016-2017 UFI Seminar Series.

Submit project proposals and/or questions on proposal processes to ukstudentsustainabilitycouncil@gmail.com with ‘SSC Proposal’ as the subject line.

If successfully funded, a councilmember will be assigned to your project. Failure to communicate with this person can result in a total or partial loss of funding. Any changes in the use of approved funding must be resubmitted and re-approved by the Council. Unused funds are automatically returned to the SSC.

Project proposals will be considered on a rolling basis and must be received 1 week prior a scheduled meeting in order to be considered for the agenda. If SSC and applicant are able to confirm that project, if funded, would be in compliance with University Business Procedures.

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**AASHE 2016 Scope Change**

 Due to a substantial increase interest in the 2016 AASHE conference we would like to request a scope change to double the travel funds available to send students. This would increase the conference budget from $4,395 , which was funded by the 15/16 council, to 8,790. The budget outline will be the same as the original proposal, this scope change will simply double those amounts. The selection committee will be just as rigorous as they would have been for the original proposal and, in the event not enough qualified applicants are found, any unspent funds will be unencumbered.

**University of Kentucky Student Sustainability Council**

**2015-2016 Grant Application**

1. Name: **Gabriel Smith**
2. Email: **gwsm222@.uky.edu**
3. UK Affiliation: **Undergraduate Student**
4. Proposed Project Title: **AASHE**
5. If applicable, please provide the sponsoring or overseeing organization. (e.g. the Office of Sustainability, Wildcat Wheels, the Dept. of Ag. Economics, etc.): **Student Sustainability Council**
6. Total Amount Requested from the Council: **$4395**
7. Would you like to make a presentation to the Council before your proposal is reviewed?

**No**

1. Please mark the primary and secondary focus areas of your project with a **1** and **2**, respectively.
* Recycling:
* Transportation:
* Agriculture/Gardening:
* Water:
* Renewable Energy/

Energy Conservation:

* Climate Change:
* Local Environment:
* Behavioral Change:
* Species Diversity/Conservation:
* **Other (Please Describe): Student Development**

1. Please name any other project leaders:

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| **Name** |  |
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| **Project Role** |  |
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*Please note that any project leaders listed will be excused for closed discussion of their project proposal.*

1. Please describe the project, its goals, and how it contributes to UK student knowledge, attitudes & culture, or practices of the 3 pillars of sustainability (i.e. economic, environmental and social), including potential long term effects.

**This is the largest conference related to campus sustainability in the country and will provide a forum for connecting to the ideas and resources of other campus communities around the nation. The students who have opportunity to attend the conference will collect ideas and learn from the victories and failures of other student led sustainability initiatives, connect with other students, faculty and staff working on similar issues, and learn from experts on how to build a campus community focused on sustainability. The connections and ideas gathered at the conference have huge potential aid in the mission to create a culture of campus sustainability.**

1. Name any anticipated project affiliates and describe the extent of their support, including any financial, matching or in-kind support. Specific details are encouraged.

**N/A**

1. Please mark the primary target population of your project with a **1**.
* UK (general):
* Undergraduates: **1**
* Graduates: **2**
* Community:
* Faculty:
* Other (Please Describe):

**In 250 words or less, please answer the following questions.**

1. Describe the intended University of Kentucky audiences and potential number of people impacted including any potential diverse segments such as student or community organizations and supporting evidence (e.g. expected or historical event/speaker attendance).

**This project will provide funding for up to 5 University of Kentucky Students to attend the AASHE conference.**

1. Are there any students involved in the proposed project? If so, do they benefit from professional or technical skills, outputs, or experiences such as presentations, posters, or reports?

**Yes, this proposal is focused exclusively on students and providing professional development for them by funding their attendance at the premier national sustainability conference for higher education. Participants will be chosen based on a rubric of criteria similar to the 2015 process. This will include a cover letter, CV, and preference will be given to anyone presenting at the conference.**

1. Please describe any previous history and to what extent you, other project leaders, or the sponsoring organization may have with the UK Student Sustainability Council.

**The council has funded several students attending the conference over the past few years.**

1. Please outline a timeline and milestones to ensure project efficacy prior to and after project implementation.

**If funding is awarded, the Office of Sustainability will work directly with the Council to solicit interest from the Student Body and with a deadline for requesting funding of September 30 and award announcements on October 3.  The conference is October 9-12 in Baltimore.**

1. Does the success of your project require prior approval of other UK or non-UK entities (e.g. IRB or venue approval, etc.)? If so, please provide supporting documentation.

**No**

1. Please demonstrate how the Student Sustainability Council will be credited or advertised in your project (this can include promotional material). Would a project leader be available for a radio interview?

**The SSC will directly benefit from this project as several members are likely to attend. The SSC logo can be included on the application, as well as credit to the SSC for funding the trip. After the conference, one or more attendees can be interviewed for the radio program.**

1. Using the following format, please provide a line item budget for the total amount request and what percent of the project is being sponsored by SSC funding. Provide information sources or reasoning for the budget estimates.

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| Description | $ Total Cost | $ Request from SSC | Source of remaining funds |
| 7 Passenger Van from UK Motorpool  | ($17.day \* 5 days =)  + ($.40/mile \* 1100 miles) = $525 | $525 | N/A |
| Parking  | $30/day \* 4 days = $120 | $120 | N/A |
| Food Reimbursement  | $20/day \* 5 days \*5 people = $500 | $500 | N/A |
| Hotel  | 4 nights, 5 students \*$100/night | $2000 | N/A |
| Registration  | 5 Students \*$250 = $1250 | $1250 | N/A |
| Total  |  | $4395 | N/A |

1. Are you willing to accept a general reduction in your budget? **Yes**
2. Are you willing to accept line item changes in your budget? **Yes**
3. You may include additional attachments to supplement the application such as promotional material, resumes, letters of collaborative funding, etc.

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**Meeting date Proposal due date**

February 3, 2016 - Proposals due by January 27, 2016

February 17, 2016 - Proposals due by February 10, 2016

March 2, 2016 - Proposals due by February 24, 2016

April 6, 2016 - Proposals due by March 30, 2016

April 20, 2016 - Proposals due by April 13, 2016