Monday, February 8th 2016, 1:40 – 3 PM, UC 327

Members present: Shelby Weigand, Peter McDonough, Max Nelson, Dennis Daneke, Robin Saha, Brian Kerns, Meredith Repke

1. Publicizing KRELF. The group discussed sticker options for waterbottle filling stations, recycling bins, etc. Group felt the design should be as simple as possible, and Dennis suggested Griz colors be used. See attachment for design agreed upon by the group that was present.

2. KRELF website updates. Meredith said she would lead the process for updating the website. Robin offered to send data on the various funded projects over the years (\*update: Robin has since done so – thanks!). Meredith shared that while the website migration is still not finished (Spectral Fusion relies on student workers, and they don’t work over winter term), she has been assured that it is very close. She will begin updating the site at that time.

3. KRELF application. There was much discussion about the application. The issue was raised of building managers/administrators not always being aware when an application was submitted with their name attached. Many felt it is important that there be something built into the application that ensures all project members (especially the staff person/building manager/etc) be notified and required to give their consent to the proposal. There was some uncertainty as to what the current application required in this regard (\*update: see attached screen shots of current application).

Additionally, the group discussed whether the ‘feedback requirement’ should be included in the application. Robin recommended the application include a statement or two detailing this expectation. It was also suggested that this requirement be included in the notice of award. The group felt that a very brief follow up statement as to the progress/completion of the project, as well as a photo (or photos) ought to be required.

4. Eva Rocke's application. The discussion focused around the potential issue of bias in favor of funding Eva’s project, and wanting to ensure fairness in the process of awarding funds. Peter asked whether we would make the same early-decision allowance for someone else’s project. Robin commented it was not because many of the members know Eva that they were willing to review her proposal outside of the normal timeline, but that it was because she is the University Sustainability Coordinator. Dennis moved to approve Eva’s request for KRELF funds pending she completed an official application. Vote was unanimously in support of funding the project.

This conversation also raised questions into the total funds available for allocation this semester. Meredith to follow up with Beckie on the numbers for this term (\*update: Meredith and Beckie are in the process of working this out)

5. Renewable energy light post. Brian shared that the light post installation had incurred more costs that expected. Water lines were disturbed during excavation, which required additional funds. Max moved to approve additional KRELF funds to cover the costs, Robin amended that up to 2k of additional funds be made available for the project. Peter seconded. Vote was unanimously in favor (excluding Brian, who abstained from voting).

6. Smart meters. Brian mentioned that the campus is about 75% covered by smart meters. Around 200k would be needed to purchase meters to cover the remaining campus buildings. The committee discussed whether this could be a good potential KRELF proposal. Meredith asked if it could be a loan instead of a grant, Brian said he would investigate, although money allocated in the past for this work had come in the form of grant money. Robin asked if the data from the meters could be made available to residents/employees. There was some discussion of possible ‘dashboard’ technologies that may make this possible. Up until this point, these options have been cost prohibitive.