

KRELF Committee Meeting March 12, 2012 1:30-2:30 PM

Members present: Robin Saha, Len Broberg, Luke Sims, Bryan Nickerson, Denis Daneke, Tom Javins, Stacy Boman, Clay Springmeyer, Ada Montague, Emerald LaFortune.

Guests: Zach Brown, ASUM Senator

Open Student Committee Seat

Len Broberg moves to appoint Bryan Nickerson as the new student at large member of the KRELF Committee as Alison Wren has stepped down from the committee for the semester. Luke Sims seconds. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

Financial Update

According to Rosi Keller, \$249,422 is in the KRELF, with \$219,000 available. Fall 2011 this committee approved \$120,000 as available to fund projects for the 2011-2012 academic year. Len Broberg moves to make \$200,000 available for projects for the 2011-2012 academic year. Ada Montague seconds.

Discussion: Tom Javins recommends that instead of approving a specific dollar amount, we approve a percentage (ex: 95%) of the available funds. Len agrees this is appropriate for next academic year.

McKinstry has identified many projects that may be suitable for KRELF projects. The investment grade audits are almost ready.

Approval of amending this year's approved funds from \$120,000 to \$200,000 unanimously approved. When considering next year's fund allocation, will incorporate Tom's suggestion of allocating a percentage of funds instead of a dollar value.

Fund will sunset Spring 2014 according to the bylaws. Then it will go before the student and the Board of Regents for a vote for possible renewal.

Spring 2012 Proposals

Applications are available online. Deadline for draft proposals is March 29, 2012. Final proposals are due April 20, 2012.

Robin Saha and Len Broberg both have classes working on proposals for this semester. Robin and Len will provide Stacy with a list of their students' proposal topics so she can make sure other students outside the class are not working on the same topic.

After final proposals are submitted, we will develop subcommittees to review proposals for approval before the end of the semester. Robin hopes to only have two meetings after the proposals are due and none during finals week.

Tracking Energy Savings

We have not been tracking energy savings from funded proposals to date. It would be beneficial to track energy savings as we track the fund balance.

Should track: energy savings, GHG savings, cost savings

Would like to have proposals supply very good estimates on savings, and would eventually like to add in metering and monitoring. Could we ask this service of building managers?

Ada has work study funds that she will not be able to earn through her current position. She and Robin Saha will help find a way to spend her work study to get this work done now.

ASUM is considering adding a COT student position under the Sustainability Center that will have a technical focus on energy maintenance; it may be an appropriate fit to handle future energy, GHG, and cost savings.

Future KRELf projects

Zach Brown introduced an energy efficiency campaign that has been endorsed by the SCC and ASUM. Zach and Stacy are looking for ways to fund a new energy manager position and energy monitoring equipment. Zach and Stacy are trying to find a way to build student support and use student dollars to help invest in the energy monitoring equipment.

We will need to discuss further in the future. At the next meeting, with Rosi Keller, we will need to allocate significant time to discuss how KRELf can get involved in this campaign.

The Law School is considering a green roof project. Given green roofs have a payback period far exceeding the 10 year requirement for KRELf, they may not be eligible for much KRELf funding, but it is worth considering. If this proposal does not move forward, it is possible for COT students to build modular green roof for demonstrations during Earth Week.

Outreach

Emerald LaFoturne and Bryan Nickerson will head a subcommittee to make recommendations on how to spend the money allocated for outreach. We should use this opportunity to prepare for a campaign when the fee is up for renewal.

The ASUM Sustainability Center is nearly out of brochures for KRELf outreach and requested the subcommittee allocate some money to print additional brochures.

Robin wants an Earth Week table for KRELf. It would be nice to have a poster session for projects KRELf has funded to date.

Meeting adjourned 2:35.