**KRELF Committee Meeting Notes**

11/14/14

Location: UC 223

Members Present: Peter McDonough (Student), Abby Huseth (Student), Grant Myhre (Student), Peregrine Frissell (Student), Brian Kerns (Facility Services), Robin Saha (Environmental Studies), Dennis Daneke (Missoula College), Chris Olsen (ASUM Sustainability Coordinator)

Members Absent: Sam Thompson (Student), Sam Forstag (Student)

Meeting started @2:10

1. Vote on update to KRELF Bylaws
	1. Discussion of Bylaws took place at 10/17/14 meeting
		1. Robin: there should be a snazzy name for reserve fund so it develops identity/stands out – capitalize/italicize.
			1. “Large Projects Reserve Fund”?
		2. Bylaws governing fund use – may need to be changed in the future
		3. Robin moved to approve bylaws w/ minor changes (below), Peregrine 2nd
			1. Add “conservation and” after “large scale energy efficiency”
			2. Change name of fund as above
2. Update on Kless Memorial Light Post (Brian)
	1. Committee on Campus and Facilities approved new location
	2. Brian: optional changes to Light Post features/cost estimate
		1. Revised cost estimate includes :
			1. cost of removing/replanting small tree,
			2. custom colors, and
			3. new cloud based control and monitoring box
	3. Needs to go through arboretum committee – may want to suggest that students plant tree themselves
	4. Dennis: 811 concerns? – utility location
	5. Robin: benefits of monitoring device?
		1. Brian – ready-made control system for this particular light post
		2. Grant – useful data from monitoring
	6. Robin: Cost of additional features – will it affect other projects?
		1. Chris: 17,000 in requests for this semester, out of 34,000 to spend
	7. Peregrine: are custom colors worth $500?
		1. Discussion – worth it to keep custom colors considering location/audience
	8. Chris: motion on the table is to approve new costs of $2,216.50 for the memorial light post
		1. Motion made by Dennis, Robin seconds
		2. Motion unanimously approved w/ 2 abstentions
* Chris: Opt out rate for fall semester – remained 32%
1. Reminder of KRELF finances
	1. Money in Reserve Fund is $58,758
	2. Money for KRELF Projects is $34,674
2. Discussion of Proposals
	1. Eco Reps 2015-2016
		1. Robin – questions about EcoReps: how hired? How do they organize work? How are they accountable?
		2. Chris: hired by Chris, meet w/ Nicky regularly, work 5 hrs/wk $8/hr; funding comes from KRELF but paid by CoF
		3. Funding requested is for next fiscal/academic year
		4. Robin – should be contingency that EcoReps report to committee once/yr or semester to update/ask questions
		5. Discussion: increase hours? Increase number of reps?
			1. Grant: importance of EcoReps in changing conservation attitudes, advertising for KRELF – would be great to have more people involved
			2. Current number of reps is determined by funding
		6. Robin: ask reps to come back w/ amended request for expanded numbers; ultimate goal should be to integrate w/ residence life
		7. Grant: motion to approve proposal as-is
		8. Peter: can we approve current proposal w/ request that reps come back in December to talk about how they might expand (new proposal next spring)
		9. Brian: propose that one of the metrics should be to bring opt-out rate down
		10. Robin: another metric should be reducing energy use
		11. Peter: motion to approve proposal on condition of adding metrics (above) and giving report to committee each semester (including this December)
			1. Robin seconded motion
			2. Motion approved unanimously
	2. UM Residence Life Recycling Initiative
		1. Robin: in the past, proposals had to include signoff from building/facilities manager – has it been ok’d by appropriate person?
		2. Peter: why is this KRELF project not res life or facilities?
		3. Discussion – bins in rooms vs big bins on each floor?
			1. Grant: are bins necessary for every room?
			2. Robin: lots of research shows recycling needs to be convenient to increase participation
		4. Robin: Res Life and UM Recycling should be contributing to this
		5. Robin: would like to see a picture
		6. Peregrine: repayment schedule is very optimistic; proposal should include plan for how to replace broken bins
		7. Chris: background – last year, pilot recycling stations inside Knowles and Miller on every floor but first – Ecoreps manage/take out recycling to outdoor bins, works well, but res life says other dorms don’t have room
		8. Peregrine: could there be a check-out system for bins each year?
		9. Grant: stickers on garbage cans? Better than bins would be to implement more education (including more eco-reps)
			1. Brian – stickers don’t work
		10. Concerns –
			1. is this really the best way to increase recycling?
			2. Payback potential is nonexistent
			3. Has communication happened w/ UM Recycling to ensure additional recycling will happen, not just get thrown away?
		11. Revisions:
			1. Consider match from res life
			2. More information: replacement costs, communication/logistics w/ UM recycling, potential for having large bins in floors in addition to in rooms, or have more comprehensive recycling systems in a few dorms instead of bins in all dorm rooms
	3. ASUM Childcare Worm Composting
		1. Robin: MALNOURISHED WORMS
		2. Bins would have to be inside during winter
			1. If done correctly, no smell
		3. Grant: educational opportunity, gets kids involved, seems good
		4. Some discussion of it worms or compost could be sold. Could this actually be done as a loan?
		5. Robin – moved to approve as-is
			1. Grant seconded
			2. Approved unanimously w/ one abstention

December meeting – December 5 from 2 to 3:30 in UC 223

* Eco-reps visit
* Tony Thompson – opt-out rate
* Revisit recycling proposal

Meeting adjourned @3:30