

HENDRIX
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Campus Sustainability
Fund Committee

Meeting Notes for November 5, 2015 (11:10AM Campbell South)

Members of the CSFC:

William O'Brochta '16, Chief Sustainability Officer, CSFC Chair,
ECC Campus Campaigns Chair
Abby Gatmaitan '17, Environmental Concerns Committee Chair (Absent, vote e-mailed)
Elizabeth Soo '17 and Cade Nelson '17, Garden Club Co-Presidents
Kaylee Davis '18, At-Large Student Member, ECC Galloway Representative
Annie Meek '18, At-Large Student Member, ECC Martin Representative
Faith Mullins '17, At-Large Student Member, Glass Recycling Student Worker
Dr. Courtney Hatch, Environmental Studies Department Chair (Absent, vote e-mailed)
Mr. Skip Harstell, Director of Facilities Management
Mr. Mike Flory, Executive Director of Culinary Services
Mr. Jim Wiltgen, Executive Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Mr. Tom Siebenmorgen, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Guests in Attendance:

Ms. Dawn Hearne, Director of Dining Services

Quote from Nabholtz construction: \$100,000 for new building in facilities area. Is building really necessary considering location behind facilities? Decided that sustainability fund should not pay for entirety of building. Possibilities for not having building? Revised quote for no building is \$42,000. City is fine with an open air pad, but we still need zoning special use permit.

Impact of selling compost on non-profit status? We are allowed non-business activities and this falls under that category.

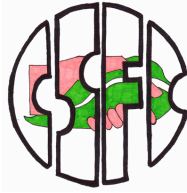
Eliminating building and going with concrete pad plan: system delivered in spring of 2016. Time between spring and fall used for practice. Operation beginning in fall of 2016.
Consensus that it should be located in facilities area. No foreseen problems with development plan for village area.

Cafeteria puts compost in lidded carts. Facilities picks up carts three times a day. Facilities responsible for inputting bulk paper and wood chips.

Compost sold at about \$50 per cubic yard. Produce 500 cubic yards of compost per year.

Compost offered to Hendrix community for free. Lower estimate of \$25,000. Cost \$1,000 a week for labor. If we fall short of estimated income then the college will not be saddled with extra expenses.

Solicited input from faculty, staff, and students. Received positive feedback.



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More student involvement in operation of the system. Student help in dish room for free. Students work to contact gardens and nurseries to bring them to campus. ECC students each Tuesday and Thursday committed to compost assistance.

Concerns about economic model feasibility: we want to be very conservative in what we will produce.

Bad case scenario: we can resell the machine.

Money for building will not come from sustainability fund. It will have to come from somewhere else. Currently \$18,000 in proposal budget for foundation of system. Estimated to be \$40,000 for concrete and grading, not including driveway for compost system. Additional \$3,000 for control cover. This \$18,000 can come out now. Initial amount of \$40,000 upon signing the contract. Additional \$28,000 upon delivery. Installments, of two, can be moved around as we need. Maybe we should pursue an additional year. Revenue from fund: \$35,000 for current semester, next year will add approximately \$28,000.

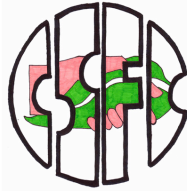
Have we explored idea again of buying used compost system? Or less expensive system? Used compost bins are hard to find. Why do we have to have a large bin? Because we produce a lot of waste. The amount of waste that we produce is also currently too large for the previously proposed compost system.

During periods of minimal use (summer, winter break, etc.), we would simply turn the system off with minimal problems.

Today: voting on committing funding to purchase of system and committing funding for entirety of concrete pad. Lag period in signing purchase order agreement so we can flesh out all details of functioning. Vote pending addressing of items on additional checklist and memorandum. We need a document that will survive us that spells out what college and students have committed to do, because this will occur after we have all graduated.

Checklist:

- 1) Address zoning permit before or after signing of purchase order. Definitely before.
- 2) Senior leadership approval of MOU document
- 3) Insurance company weigh in
- 4) Student's money be committed
- 5) Identify sources for payments
- 6) Interview with garden centers
- 7) Completing economic model
- 8) Verify student funds that will be coming in
- 9) Verify waste estimates



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Annie made a motion to commit funding for proposal, including additional money for concrete pad. Two-thirds seconded.

In favor: Ten (William, Kaylee, Annie, Faith, Mr. Flory, Mr. Wiltgen, Mr. Siebenmorgen, Liz (1/2 vote), Cade (1/2 vote), Ms. Hearne (non-voting, registered approval), Abby (via e-mail), Dr. Hatch (via e-mail)).

Opposed: One (Mr. Hartsell).

Motion is adopted.