

SAF BOD Meeting – July 2017 Meeting Minutes

Full Session

Meeting Date: July 10th, 2017

Meeting time: 18:00 -19:40

Attendees: Nadra Wagdy (SAF CEO), Kristina Parker (Facilitator), Mark Underwood (SC), Julia Glassco (Alumni), Lana Galbraith (CSU), Devon Ellis-Durity (Student at large), Isabella Donati-Simmons (FASA), Elias Al-Homsi (ECA), Alice Wei (Student at large),

Absent: Mudasser Akbar (GSA), Agunik Mamikonyan (ASFA), Samantha Goudreau (CSU)

1. Welcome + Roll call

[18:30 Meeting start]

2. Special Project Applications (4 projects)

School Schmool: \$5,000

Recommendation to allocate full funding (no honorariums)

SPC Comments:

- favorable opinion in general - Waiting for clarifications
- funding to be allocated in any budget line except for stipends
- ask them to clarify the amount requested from other sources & clarify what they want SAF to cover
- Strong application

Other Discussions:

- Is there a partnership with the CSU's agenda project?
- Talk to CSU to collaborate for next year
- For upcoming years, track the waste
- The number of agenda printed and distributed tracked by metrics

Mark motioned: BIRT SAF allocate \$5000 to school schmool (not be spent on honorarium); seconded by Julia

Vote: *Unanimous (7)*

Queer Between the Covers Bookfair: \$2,305

Recommendation to allocate partial funding (1315\$)

SPC Comments:

- Happen after canada pride
- Updated their application
- In favor
- Culture of sustainability very clear

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Other Discussions:

- limited connection to Concordia, tapping into student money but not engaging enough students?
- Broaden their reach - fund a bit less than what they are requested
- Interesting to see how they can engage volunteers, organizing activities on campus
- Are other libraries or bookstore not contributing to funding?
- Prefer People's potato over midnight kitchen, since it's at Concordia?
- Stipulate that would like to see more outreach on campus

Recommendation for online voting:

julia recommends partial funding , up to 1315\$ with strong preference for People's Potato

Affix: \$900

Recommendation to deny funding

SPC comments:

- Unclear event. Similar to the block party event (not enough details about the theme and artists)
- No impact on the campus - do not bring it back to the campus
- Little/unclear impact on the students

Other Discussions:

- Not enough aligned with our mandate to build a culture of sust. On campus (content/theme not directly tackling) - not enough links to the campus -
- Really great event, but not the mandate of our fund
- They wanted more direct

Mark motioned: BIRT SAF deny funding to affix; seconded by Lana

Vote: *Unanimous (6)*

Living Soils: \$23,165

Recommendation to allocate 19,715 to cover items outlined in the budget except graphic designer fees. In addition, allocate up to 1,285 to subsidize tickets for up to 30-40 Concordia Students (and request reserving seats for at least 30 Concordia students). This amount (1,285) cannot be re-allocated towards other budget lines. This is a total allocation of \$21,000. Needs to be discussed with the board.

SPC Comments:

- General consensus of the SPC: really strong application/promising event, but a lot of money
- Soil as a living being, not as a resource to extract and abuse
- Holistic perspective of soil health not just for food production, but to fight climate change, food insecurity, water insecurity etc.

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- Happening in H-110 at Concordia
- Long-term impact beyond the event: Founded "Regeneration Canada", a NPO that will continue the work stemming from the symposium
- ASL LSQ translation
- The panelists and speakers are all pioneers (eg. Jean Martin Fortier, Elaine Ingham etc.) in the fields of soil biology, biochemistry, urban agriculture
- One of the first events to be doing carbon off-set
- Excellent planning (the event is still in October and they started the outreach)
- Concern about accessibility to Concordia Students (+ SAF is student money). Hence, our proposal of using a portion of the fund to subsidize tickets for some Concordia students
- At the BOD meeting, each member can give a number (how much they think this 3-day symposium should cost for Concordia students) and we can maybe do an average / reach a consensus
- Having said all that, \$21k is 20% of our 2017/2018 project funding budget. From our discussions with the project, an amount less than 18,500 would significantly impact the project. How much is the SAF board willing to allocate?

Other Discussions:

- Will there be metrics to track success of the carbon offset project?
 - They are working with ecocert to track it
- Regeneration: not direct impact on Concordia community
- Concern of student participation: if we made it 20\$ vs 10\$
- Concordia as a sustainability hub
- How many concordia students would want to participate
- SAF could pay for space + subsidy
- 10k : hive + regeneration + subsidize concordia tickets to 30\$ up to 2 weeks before event- leftovers go back to SAF
- Outreach from SAF for people to attend
- Reserve seats for concordia until 2 weeks before events

Recommendation for online voting:

Recommendation that SAF allocates 10k : hive + regeneration + subsidize concordia tickets to 30\$ up to 2 weeks before event

3. SAF updates

- The SAF team has finished drafting its strategic directions document. Before widely communicating it to the community and starting implementation, we will do a small stakeholder consultation, to make sure that it reflects the needs of the Concordia community and our funded projects.
- Nadra will send the draft to the board members this week.

4. Adjournment

[19:40 - Meeting ended]